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L EAGUE Championship victory with Aston Villa means more than anything else to me — even playing for England!

Now the rampant lion — Villa's insignia — is roaring again after our first League title for 71 years. That's an unbelievable time gap considering Villa's proud history and tradition.

We are the Champions even though many people still begrudge us the title. They claim we won it by default . . . that Ipswich forfeited the crown after being hit by injuries to key players during the crucial Easter period.

That's utter nonsense. Villa have won the Championship because of our achievements and not what other clubs haven't done.

While I sympathise with Ipswich, look at Villa's away record, it's the best in the Football League. How a team performs on opponents' grounds is the test of real Champions.

One reason we received so little recognition was the attitude of our manager Ron Saunders.

Unlike Bobby Robson, who continually "sells" Ipswich to the public, our boss prefers to retain a low profile. He doesn't seek publicity, so the club are rarely featured in the Press.

Apart from the Championship trophy, Ipswich have certainly grabbed all the limelight. Most of the players' awards have gone to Portman Road, although I did win

John Gidman and John Deehan leave.

But Ron's totally dedicated to Aston Villa and restoring the club to its glory. All the players respect him, something most managers never experience.

His secret? Ron concentrates on player's strengths and gets the best out of them. All he asks for is 100 per cent effort and application.

defenders in the country.

He drives the lads crazy on away trips in the club coach playing his music tapes.

Central defender ALLAN EVANS only cost £20,000 from Dunfermline and, like Ken, had to move back to go forward with Villa.

An ex-striker, Alan grabbed eight goals in the League last season, one less than me. He still loves to score goals and once hit six in a reserve match against Sheffield Wednesday. Villa won 10-0 and I scored two. But I'll never forgive Allan for insisting on taking

critical about the decision as any of the fans.

Like me, left-back COLIN GIBSON is a product of Villa's youth policy. A southerner from Sussex, Colin's a real character and good all-round sportsman.

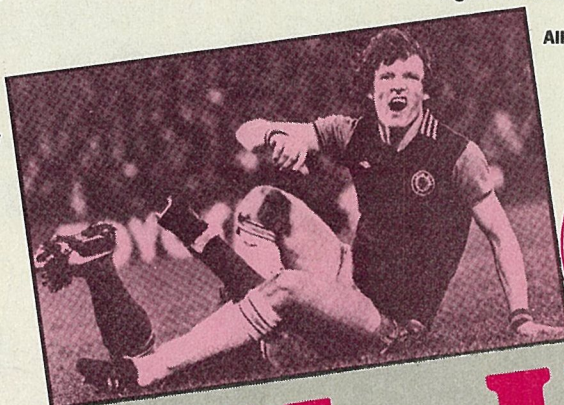
Apart from golf, he's a cricket fanatic and plays with me for local side Moor Green. Gibbo's secret ambition is to play in a Test Match for England. We're close mates.

Before a hamstring injury put GARY WILLIAMS out of action he and Colin challenged each other for the number three shirt.

I'd say Gary is the better defender of the two, while Colin is sharper going forward, which isn't surprising considering he was once a left-winger.

Our skipper DENNIS MORTIMER arrived from Coventry for £400,000 five years ago and is the club's senior player.

Strong physically, Morty's the driving force in midfield. He takes his captaincy duties seriously and is always willing to help any of the lads.



Allan Evans



'My Villa Heroes'

the PFA Young Player of the Year trophy.

No Villa player has received full international recognition this season although Dennis Mortimer and Peter Withe have been called up for the British Championship.

Ron has been at Villa Park for seven years and survived many storms and board room battles. Indeed, a year or so ago the fans were screaming for his head after seeing favourites Andy Gray,

Give it to him and he'll back you all the way even through the lean spells.

This season we achieved a club record number of points (60) and a high level of consistency never previously reached.

But let me introduce my Champion team-mates.

There's no better place to start than our goalkeeper JIMMY RIMMER. Bought from Arsenal for £70,000 in 1977, Jim has to be one of Ron's best buys. So experienced, so consistent, he's worth a goal start to Villa — especially away from home.

Jim is well protected by a back-four consisting of two players bought to score goals for Villa, like former Chelsea striker KENNY SWAIN.

When John Gidman left, Ken was converted to full-back and struggled to adapt to his new position, especially against wingers who attacked him. But he worked hard at his game and now Swaine is rated one of the best



Kenny Swain

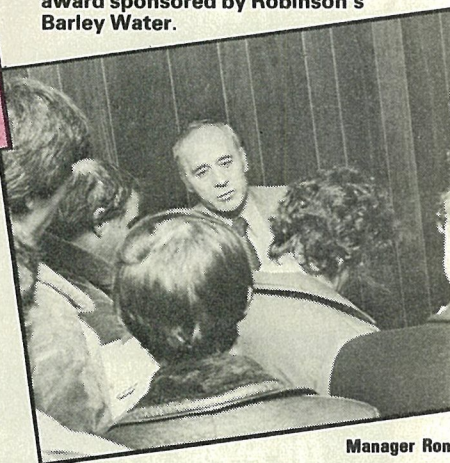
a penalty which robbed me of a hat-trick!

KEN McNAUGHT, the only recognised orthodox defender in the back four, came from Everton three years ago for £200,000.

The fans gave Ken a hard time when he first came to the club, because he replaced Chris Nicholl, a firm favourite. I was a supporter myself at the time and I was as

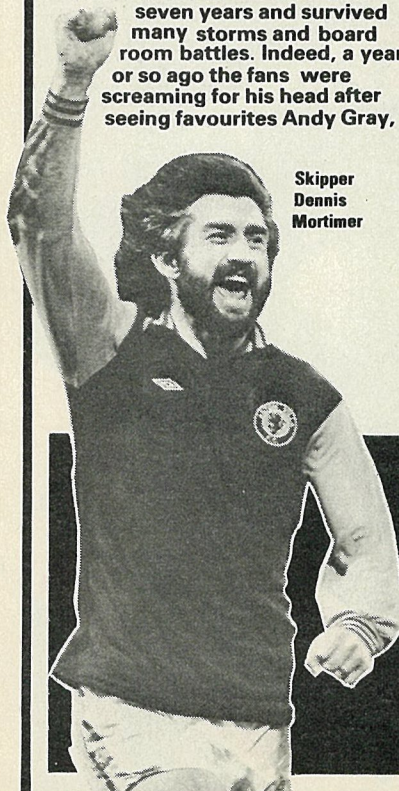
He's also our PFA representative. No one else wanted the job because four of the previous five union officials at Villa were transferred!

Although GORDON COWANS has had an inconsistent season in midfield by his standards, he's still good enough to be on the verge of full England honours. Captain of the Under-21's, he won last season's Young Player of the Year award sponsored by Robinson's Barley Water.



Manager Ron

Skipper
Dennis
Mortimer



HOW VILLA WON THE TITLE

OPPONENTS	VENUE	RESULT	GOALSCORERS
LEEDS UNITED	(a)	2-1	Morley, Shaw
NORWICH CITY	(h)	1-0	Shaw
MANCHESTER CITY	(a)	2-2	Withe 2
COVENTRY CITY	(h)	1-0	Shaw
IPSWICH TOWN	(a)	0-1	
EVERTON	(h)	0-2	
WOLVES	(h)	2-1	Hughes (o.g.), Geddiss
CRYSTAL PALACE	(a)	1-0	Shaw
SUNDERLAND	(h)	4-0	Evans 2, Morley, Shaw
MANCHESTER UTD	(a)	3-3	Withe, Cowans (pen), Shaw
BIRMINGHAM CITY	(a)	2-1	Cowans (pen), Evans

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TOTTENHAM	(h)	3-0	Morley 2, Withe
BRIGHTON	(h)	4-1	Mortimer, Bremner, Withe, Shaw
SOUTHAMPTON	(a)	2-1	Morley, Withe
LEICESTER CITY	(h)	2-0	Shaw, Cowans
WEST BROM	(a)	0-0	
NORWICH CITY	(a)	3-1	Shaw 2, Evans
LEEDS UNITED	(h)	1-1	Shaw
LIVERPOOL	(a)	1-2	Evans
ARSENAL	(h)	1-1	Morley
MIDDLESBROUGH	(a)	1-2	Shaw

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BIRMINGHAM CITY	(h)	3-0	Geddiss 2, Shaw
BRIGHTON	(a)	0-1	
STOKE CITY	(h)	1-0	Withe
NOTT M FOREST	(a)	2-2	Lloyd (o.g.), Shaw
LIVERPOOL	(h)	2-0	Withe, Mortimer
COVENTRY CITY	(a)	2-1	Morley, Withe
MANCHESTER CITY	(h)	1-0	Shaw
EVERTON	(a)	3-1	Morley, Mortimer, Cowans (pen)
CRYSTAL PALACE	(h)	2-1	Withe 2
WOLVES	(a)	1-0	Withe

Engaged to Jackie, Gordon loves driving fast cars. He sold the Rover 3500 prize that went with his award last term because he felt it didn't suit his image. He has two cars at the moment, a club Capri three litre and TR5, but is thinking of buying a Renault Turbo.

Villa spent £200,000 on DES BREMNER from Hibernian a year ago and got another real bargain. Des, a former full-back, is a natural ball-winner in midfield and gets through a tremendous amount of work. Des enjoys spending most of his spare time with his wife and twin boys. Must get another Scotland call-up soon.

Ron Saunders paid a club record fee of £500,000 when he bought striker PETER WITHE from Newcastle last summer, but what a bargain he's proved.

I've got so much admiration for this guy, who has definitely helped to improve my own game. I now

see a lot more of the ball because Peter's one touch play and service is so good. He's made my position much easier and really I should have scored more goals.

Peter's work-rate is second-to-none and he possesses much more skill than given credit for. Ron Greenwood has at last considered Villa players for full honours this season, and Peter could well solve his striking problem.

Withe is the life and soul of the dressing room, always talking, telling jokes . . . and eating. I've never seen anyone tuck so much away without putting an ounce of weight on. The club's Player of the Year this season.

One reason for Villa's exciting style is winger TONY MORLEY, a £250,000 buy from Burnley last year.

A bachelor, Tony's been a revelation this season, adding a new dimension to the side with his crosses and dashes down the flanks.

He's also a great striker of the ball and notched double figures this season.

Tony's suffered a disaster recently. After the game against Nottingham Forest he returned home to find his house had been completely destroyed by fire.

Apparently a cigarette end had been sucked up into the vacuum cleaner and smouldered until internal combustion caused an explosion.

He's lost everything, but the club are looking after him.

Apart from the players I've mentioned, there's another bunch of people who've contributed a great deal to Villa's success — our fans.

On behalf of all the lads at Villa I'd like to thank all those supporters who've followed us at home and away. Without you our Championship triumph would not be complete.

by star-writer
GARY SHAW

Give Clive a chance

Poor Clive Allen could be forgiven for wanting to buy a one-way ticket to outer space at the end of a disastrous season in which his confidence has been shattered and his future placed in grave jeopardy.

Who could truly blame the 21-year-old striker for considering such drastic action after enduring the indignity of wearing the number nine shirt for Crystal Palace reserves in the Football Combination before paltry gates?

His rise and fall became even more confusing when he was thought to be good enough at scoring goals at the highest level to be drafted on to the bench for England's European Under-21 Championship game against Rumania last month.

Since Christmas he had faced the ignominy of playing alongside such Palace unknowns as Nebbeling, Nott, Pullen and Boulter only to be given the nod by Ron Greenwood to rub shoulders with the likes of Garry Thompson (Coventry), Gary Owen (West Brom), Gary Mills (Forest), Ray Ranson (Man City), and Mike Duxbury (Man Utd) representing the cream of England's youth at Swindon.

SHOOT view!

If football fans find Clive Allen's dilemma confusing, the striker himself must be totally disenchanted with a game which promised so much when he thundered 30-goals for Queens Park Rangers last season to send Arsenal scuttling to Loftus Road with a cheque for £1 million.

His world fell apart after the exchange transfer shuffle involving Kenny Sansom and Paul Barron last summer.

Since October he has spent many Saturday afternoons playing reserve football at Selhurst Park while the first team has failed to survive in the First Division.

Fortunately, Ron Greenwood has not forgotten his thrilling capacity for scoring goals from the sharpest chances.

"You do not become a bad player overnight," says England's manager pointedly.

Unfortunately, the cross Allen must bear is that his outstanding talents have undoubtedly been blunted by all the wrangling which has gone on behind the scenes at Crystal Palace.

He is a victim of English football's darker side.

So it is about time that Dario Gradi, Palace's fourth manager this season, buried his doubts and gave Clive Allen the vote of confidence his talents merit.

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TWELVE months ago Irish eyes were positively gleaming, never mind smiling. Even by best Belfast standards an uncommonly large quantity of a very dark liquid with a frothy top was consumed — and all because of the country's football team.

The celebrations were totally justified, of course. After all, the men in green had just won the British Championship outright for the first time since 1914 — and in their Centenary year at that!

And as the Northern Irish prepare to defend their title, their eloquent and effervescent manager Billy Bingham insists: "It was no fluke. We can do it again."

Within hours of guiding Northern Ireland into second place of Group Six of the World Cup, Bingham was talking about his next challenge — the British Championship.

"I genuinely think we can win it again because I have always believed that if you hit consistent form over a period it has to be more than coincidence."

'Capability'

"Since I took over 15 months ago we have played 12 games and lost only once, so few people can doubt our ability and capability."

"Last season we may have been a little bit underestimated simply because of our track record."

"It may be more difficult this time because we are the Champions, but I'm sure we have players with the right character to see us through again."

The last time Bingham was in charge of the Irish they only just failed to qualify for the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico.

They had big name stars in those days, such as George Best and Derek Dougan, but the present side is more of a unit.

"In those days we were a little bit fragmented, and although we will never have strength in depth because of the size of our country, we do have a strong squad of about 20 players who are all very together and playing for one another."

"Some people will say we have no stars, but that is not always a bad thing and I imagine some of

'Northern Ireland can be Britain's best again'

declares
manager
BILLY BINGHAM



A 1-1 draw with England last year enabled Northern Ireland to win their first British Championship since 1914.



our players will be regarded as stars of the future."

Actually, when you look at the men at Bingham's disposal, he is perhaps understating the case somewhat. After all, Pat Jennings is still one of the world's top 'keepers and the likes of Martin O'Neill, Sammy McIlroy and Jimmy Nicholl need little introduction.

"We have a wonderful spirit in the dressing room. I know most managers will tell you that, but in our case it is particularly true. You should have seen the faces after we'd beaten Portugal," Bingham enthused.

'Shining Light'

"I feel our success is all the more important because of Northern Ireland's problems at present."

"Although the players give everything — their pride won't let them do anything else — they are conscious that the whole province benefits when the football team is doing well," he says.

The Irish manager believes any victory diverts attention away from the country's troubles. So a place in the World Cup Finals next year would be a colossal boost.

As for more domestic matters, he believes the English could do with a little more of the patriotism that seems to fire the Irish, the Scots and the Welsh.

"All the countries seem to possess more pride — perhaps because we have to work harder for our victories."

Bingham is well aware that the side Ron Greenwood sends out against the Irish in Belfast next week will probably be unrecognisable from recent England teams because of European Cup commitments for the considerable Liverpool and Ipswich contingents.

"That can work both ways — either for or against us. Every manager wants to put out a settled side and Ron Greenwood is no exception."

"On the other hand, while you expect better results, if you have to make changes sometimes new players coming in can transform a team merely by setting out to prove their right to a regular place."

"As we have two home matches this time, we must stand a first-rate chance of retaining the Championship," he said.

THE PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, MAY 16

N. Ireland v England

at Windsor Park, Belfast.
Result last year: England 1 (Brotherston og) N. Ireland 1 (Cochrane)

Wales v Scotland

at The Vetch Field, Swansea
Result last year: Scotland 1 (Miller) Wales 0

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Scotland v N. Ireland

at Hampden Park, Glasgow
Result last year: N. Ireland 1 (Hamilton) Scotland 0

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

England v Wales

at Wembley
Result last year: Wales 4 (Thomas, Walsh, James, Thompson og) England 1 (Mariner)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

N. Ireland v Wales

at Windsor Park, Belfast
Result last year: Wales 0 N. Ireland 1 (Brotherston)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

England v Scotland

at Wembley
Result last year: Scotland 0 England 2 (Brooking, Coppel)

How they finished in 1979-80

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N. IRELAND	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
ENGLAND	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
WALES	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
SCOTLAND	3	1	0	2	1	3	2

WITH three matches to go before England play their World Cup-ties in Switzerland and Hungary, Ron Greenwood's players should take a long look at themselves on the eve of the British Championship.

Whatever might have happened against Brazil cannot disguise the mediocrity of the national team's performances this season. They did what they had to against Norway; struggled to do what they had to against Switzerland; found Spain too good on the night; and then, in their manager's words, lacked the necessary aggression against Rumania.

You can't find flair overnight. No one can expect Greenwood to conjure up a Bobby Charlton or a Maradona. What is reasonable to expect is the traditional virtues of English soccer, which have been sadly lacking.

By now we should all agree that the Continentals have more skill on the ball. "Our League Championship demands a certain type of player," says Greenwood, "and other countries don't have these problems. They can develop their skill because they aren't under the constant pressure our First Division players are. My international players invariably come from successful sides, which means they play the most games. We won't get the system changed, though."

Admirable

If we can't compete with the Continentals at technique, then the get-up-and-get-'em attitude, admirable if limited, has its strengths.

The British Championship is the ideal chance to get back to the grass roots. And what better opposition than Scotland to show British is best?

It's easy to criticise Greenwood and as manager he must take some blame. But how many of his players are willing to hold up their hands and say: "I didn't play well." Did the Rumania defeat really hurt? How quickly was it forgotten?

Greenwood gives his players a free rein. No carpet bowls or bingo. Perhaps he should adopt a

Don't blame Greenwood!

stricter line to ensure his players' thoughts aren't directed away from the task in hand.

The man who typifies all that's best in the English First Division is Peter Withe, the original Have Boots, Will Travel.

Mick Mills said after the Rumania failure that "we didn't have anyone to go in where it hurts," which is Withe's speciality. Expect the Villa striker to be given a chance in the next week, possibly alongside his partner-in-goals Gary Shaw.

Changes have been forced upon Greenwood by the availability of players. Possibly he would have liked to have fielded his strongest team in the British Championship; now, without players from Ipswich and Liverpool, others have the chance to take the opportunity handed to them.

Limited

Greenwood can only pick players produced by the clubs and the fact is his choice is limited. It's all very well for fans of this club or that club to say: "So-and-so should play."

Greenwood's answer is: "There is nobody I don't know about. It's my job to know about every player, and I do. Kenny Swain? I played against him when he was with Wycombe Wanderers in a friendly and told him off for kicking John Lyall."

"I first selected Peter Withe two years ago for a game to celebrate Sunderland's centenary."

"Bill McGarry told me Peter was the model professional and even in a friendly his application and aggressiveness stood out. I've had him in mind since and he's emerged a better player now."

Of course, the British Championship doesn't matter in relation to the World Cup-ties that lay ahead. Chances are, however successful England are, the side will be changed when it comes to Switzerland for the tried and trusted stars to come back.

But at the moment, England need a tonic and the British Championship may just provide it.



Aston Villa's Kenny Swain (above) and Peter Withe (right) have both fallen under Greenwood's gaze recently.



"Victory against the Scots will be a real morale-booster."

Ray Wilkins
WRITES
FOR YOU



'Sexton's sacking shocked us'

IT'S been strange to be with Dave Sexton this month. I can still hardly believe he isn't my club manager as we prepare for the British Championship.

I remember a couple of years ago, when I was leaving Chelsea, and we were on England duty together. United, of course, were rumoured to be interested in me and there were a lot of jokes flying around the squad each time Dave and I talked.

I didn't think soccer could shock me so much, but Dave's sacking hasn't really sunk in. After seven successive wins at the end of the season he was dismissed. It must be some sort of macabre world record.

I've known Dave most of my life. He was with me at Chelsea and he's been a friend as well as a coach and a manager. I'm deeply upset by recent events.

Perhaps things could have gone better in the League. It was hardly Dave's fault half the squad were injured. When we were all fit the results and style were there, but obviously it wasn't enough.

Despite the intense climax to the British Championship when England meet Scotland, the competition is dying.

I think if you asked all the England players they'd probably prefer just to tour Switzerland and Hungary.

Already we're without several key players from Ipswich and Liverpool, and in relation to the two World Cup ties the British Championship is unimportant.

If we have to win two games in the next couple of weeks or so, they are the ones in Switzerland and

Hungary.

I think Ron Greenwood would have kept the team he considered his strongest together from the Rumania tie through to Hungary, but this hasn't been possible.

Against Rumania, injuries robbed us of many players, so with that and club calls there is no chance of working on a system with the same players.

Having said that, England want to win the British Championship as a morale booster and to give the Wembley fans something to cheer about.

I appreciate their frustration, and it's up to us to win the cheers. A couple of good results and we'll all be back to where we were not so long ago.

A lot has been made of the fact that Ipswich and Liverpool have reached two Euro Finals yet England have disappointed.

The club success is due in no small way to the Scottish and Dutch players in the two teams in question. And, the most important factor, at a club you can work all week on establishing a pattern.

At international level a manager has just three days — and then there is no guarantee of a fully fit

squad.

Still, the British Championship gives some new and young players a chance to establish themselves. And the fact that all four Home countries could be in Spain next summer adds a bit of spice.

Northern Ireland will have been lifted by their World Cup form and it mustn't be forgotten that they are British Champions — and deservedly so.

I thought they might struggle when Danny Blanchflower left, but under Billy Bingham they've gone from strength to strength.

We have a score to settle with Wales after the drubbing we took last year, whereas the Scotland game speaks for itself.

I'm glad the British Championship will be played throughout the season next year; playing them before and then (hopefully) going to the World Cup Finals would not have been ideal.

England will be there, I'm sure, despite dropping a home point to Rumania. I reckon 11 or 12 points will see us through to the Finals.

From our mini tour at the end of the month anything less than three points will be a disaster. But at least our future will be in our hands,

although the way the group is forming everyone is taking points off each other.

Rumania didn't impress me, which made it even sadder that we earned only one point from our two ties against them.

I can only say they were a well organised, middle of the road team with an exceptional goalkeeper.

But one thing you can be sure of is that when we go to Switzerland and Hungary we will have a more positive attitude than the teams who visit Wembley.

Although we lost in Bucharest, it can still be easier for us away to the Hungarians than taking them on at Wembley, especially if they adopt the usual 'nine man back-four' tactics of most overseas sides.

In a nutshell, we cannot afford to lose any more of our World Cup ties. At the end of the day, I want the defeat in Bucharest to be our only loss.

Our defence looked sound against Rumania and I was pleased with the way Bobby Robson and I combined in midfield for our first full game together.

Playing the British teams over the next week will be very different to what we will face in the World Cup. We must just get on with the job in hand and hopefully fly out to Switzerland having just beaten Scotland.

Ray Wilkins



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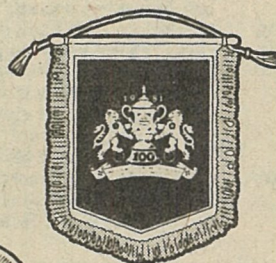
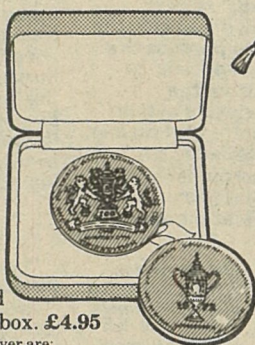


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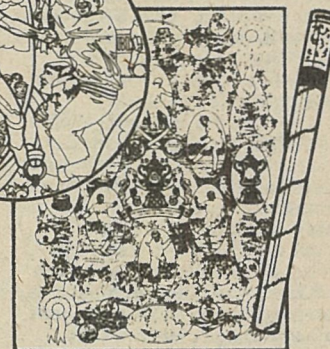
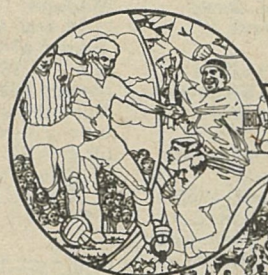
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ON their last visit to Wales, Scotland were buried by John Toshack's famous hat-trick. Two years on, the Scots return... for their first ever visit to the Vetch Field where Toshack has created the boom club of Swansea City!

This opener to the British Championship will not see Toshack in action any longer, but the players from his high-flying club will all be there to torment the Scots: Leighton Phillips, David Giles, Jeremy Charles and Leighton James.

"It's going to be one heck of a test for Scotland," says Swansea's own Scottish international Tommy Craig. "This is the top club in Wales. We also face a Welsh team that is on top of the world."

Is it, in fact, the best ever Welsh squad? That is the question that manager Mike England's talented players have to answer: first in the Championship and then in the World Cup matches to follow.

"And that does not mean just the vital qualifying tie against the U.S.S.R. at Wrexham on May 30th. It means going all the way to next year's Finals in Spain and then reaching the last eight... because that is what we did in 1958," says Terry Medwin.

He is the one man still active on the playing side of professional football who links that brilliant 1958 team with the current squad that has taken eight points from its first four World Cup qualifying ties.

Medwin says: "I suppose if they qualify for the Finals, they can claim immediately that they have

'The best-ever Welsh squad?'

achieved more than we did in the run up to the 1958 Finals," ponders Medwin.

As well as Medwin, a thrusting winger of the Tottenham 'double' team of 1960-61, Wales had great players like John and Mel Charles, Ivor Allchurch, Cliff Jones, Jack Kelsey: today, their heritage is players like James, Brian Flynn, Phillips, Charles Mark II and Terry Yorath.

"The one instant similarity is

that today, as in 1958, it is players from the Swansea area who dominate the squad," says Medwin. "Don't ask me why but in this area we seem to possess that touch of something special!"

"Watching now from the sidelines, you see players of flair doing the unexpected. We had it in 1958: they have it today again."

"The British Championship is important — but that game against the U.S.S.R. at the end of

the month is the most critical date in our calendar," says England. He will use the Championship to perfect his preparation.

It is his organisation of the squad that wins warm praise from Medwin. "Mike is every inch the modern manager. He refines and adapts his tactics from game to game, plans according to the opposition and whether he is playing home or away. These days research and efficiency are vital."

"The benefits are there for everyone to see and, certainly, today's Welsh team defends better than the 1958 team."

Yet there is a cloud on the Welsh horizon. The threat that this will be the last British Championship. England and Scotland have the financial strength to drop the event, but for Wales, the damage would be devastating.

'Suspect'

"I owe everything to the British Championship," says David Giles. "I made my debut against England last year and the obvious question is would Mike England have taken a chance on me if it had been a World Cup game? The answer, I suspect, might have been 'no'."

"Yet everything led on from that game as we beat England 4-1. We found the confidence to make a flying start in the World Cup and I'll never forget the moment that I scored the goal which gave us our essential win over Czechoslovakia — from then on the Finals were right in our sights."

"The Championship is the perfect opportunity for Welsh managers to give players a go and see what they can do in international football."



The last Welsh team to reach the World Cup Finals was in 1958 (left), but with players like Mickey Thomas (below) that feat could be emulated next year.



British Championship '81... British Championship '81...

Turton Talk
DANNY
McGRAIN



WE kick off our attempt at winning back the British Championship for the first time since 1977 this Saturday with a game against Wales at Swansea.

To be honest the Welsh match is the least interesting of our three games this year in view of our World Cup involvement with Northern Ireland and the fact that England against Scotland at Wembley is always something special anyway.

This year with the row over ticket distribution it really will be the centre of attraction on May 23.

But having said all of that is no

'World Cup boosters'

insult to Wales, who themselves are making a tremendous bid to reach Spain and have probably a better team than they had when we pipped them for a place in Argentina.

I admire manager Mike England, who has made players like Leighton Phillips — an old adversary — believe in themselves again and it is great to see that for once Welsh football is eclipsing Welsh rugby.

I just hope that we can shut out the sunshine of their smile on Saturday.

Honour

Still on the international front, I had a great honour bestowed on me when Scotland played Israel at Hampden in a World Cup qualifier recently.

I am talking about being appointed captain. It was my impossible dream.

When I was out of football for over a year with a foot injury I was worried about ever kicking a ball in earnest again. But I made it into the Celtic first team, then into the Scotland side . . . and finally as World Cup captain.

You don't have to tell me that I have skippered my country once before, on a tour match last summer in Poland. But that is hardly the same.

Of course I am honest enough with myself to realise that I was only in the skipper's position because Archie Gemmill was dropped and

Kenny Dalglish was out injured.

But third choice or not, my enthusiasm was not dampened and I was proud to lead my country to a 3-1 victory and a performance acclaimed by the critics as one of Scotland's best in years.

What other nation in Europe, for example, could lose players of the quality of Kenny Dalglish and Andy Gray and still produce a striker of Joe Jordan's ability? Joe had a great game, and will be a big threat to the Home countries this week.

We mustn't get carried away with the World Cup because we must make a determined effort to win the British Championship first.

It would be nice for Scotland and Northern Ireland to make the World Cup final stages, and it will be good preparation for both of us when we meet at Hampden Park next Tuesday.

We must be favourites to make our third successive World Cup Finals, and what a tribute that would be to big Joe Jordan.

If you cast your mind back you will remember that he was the man who worked the magic back in 1974 when he nodded in that vital goal against Czechoslovakia at Hampden in the game which won our place in

West Germany.

And again, en route to Argentina, in that amazing match at Anfield in Liverpool it was big Joe who won the penalty which Don Masson slotted away to fire us across the Atlantic to South America.

Well, at Hampden against Israel, Joe was again amazing and it was no surprise when Jock Stein credited him with what he called "Joe's best game for Scotland." And that is saying something.

So my bet is that we are on our way to Spain . . . although I dare say my friends in Northern Ireland would disagree.

They are entitled to their opinion, but for me we are heading to the Costas and sunny Spain next summer. We'll show you who's best this coming Tuesday.

A Scotland Championship win would certainly boost our World Cup chances.

See you in two weeks.

Danny McGrain



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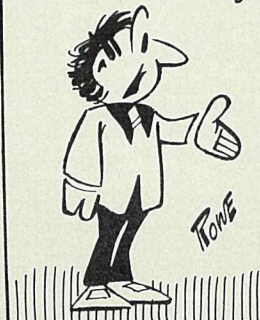
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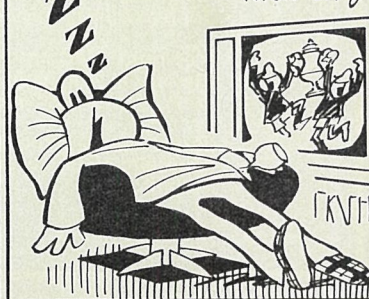
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Battle of Britain

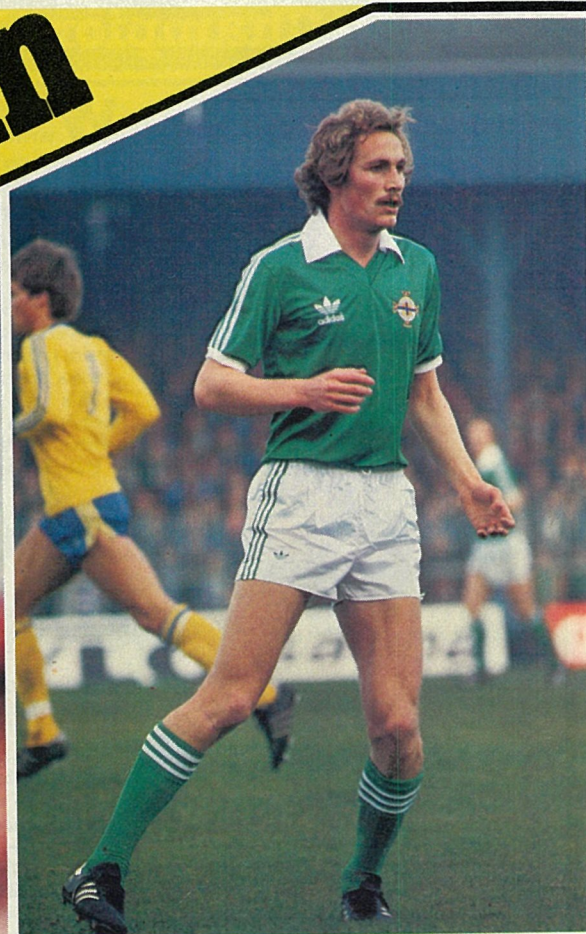
Some of the stars — new and not so new — who hope to be playing in the British Championship



Above: The Swansea flyer . . . Wales winger Leighton James, who's been in sizzling form for his country this season.

Top right: Northern Ireland forward Billy Hamilton, who headed that vital World Cup goal against Scotland in March.

Right: Pointing the way to success? Scotland's most-capped goalkeeper Alan Rough.





Left: Injuries have restricted Mickey Thomas' appearance for Wales recently, but the Manchester United midfielder is looking forward to the British Championship.

Bottom left: Scotland's Graeme Souness shields the ball from Northern Ireland's Sammy McIlroy.

Below: Eyes on the ball — despite a long season Liverpool captain Phil Thompson is as enthusiastic as ever for more action.



SHOOT!

Tony Woodcock nets his first goal for England against the Irish in 1979.



'The Irish fancy their chances'



In normal years, the only game in the British Championship to attract big interest is the final one, starring England and Scotland. But because all four nations are doing well in their World cup qualifying groups, and Northern Ireland as such are reigning Champions for the first time ever, there's the prospect of a really exciting competition.

The Irish will fancy their chances, opening the defence of their title against England on their home patch, Belfast's Windsor Park.

Whichever side Ron fields is in for a hard time against a team which under Billy Bingham has assembled some excellent results.

Although he has only a small number of suitable players to make a selection from, he does have the advantage of being able to create a side accustomed to playing together. It can build tremendous team spirit.

Ron Greenwood, on the other hand, at times has such a comparatively large "pool", his problem is not who to put in, but who to leave out.

Shock Reverse

England, set for a battle in Belfast, can take heart from past good results, notably a 5-1 win in a European Championship qualifier.

Wales are similar to Northern Ireland, going well under new manager Mike England, who has built on the foundations laid by Mike Smith.

Last season, we went to the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham, jubilant after a 3-1 win against World Champions Argentina at Wembley, only to be brought down to earth with a bang when the Welsh thrashed us 4-1.

This sort of shock reversal often happens, simply because the superior team — on paper — enters a game with the wrong attitude, taking a win for granted.

The right results against the Irish and Welsh will set England up for the "big one": Scotland at Wembley.

And if we can finish top of the table, it could be a bad omen for Switzerland and Hungary, our next World Cup hurdles.

Ray Clemence

MY disappointment at being denied the opportunity of appearing in the British Championship, and enjoying life with the England squad again, is far outweighed by the thrilling prospect of playing for Liverpool in the magnificent climax to our season: the European Cup Final versus Real Madrid in Paris.

It was generous of the managers of England and Scotland not to call upon the services of Liverpool players to ensure we're at full strength for our bid to become the first British club to secure our third European Cup win and so equal the

the British Championship scene, staged possibly for the last time at the end of the season. In fact, it may well disappear from the soccer calendar altogether.

I've heard rumours of an alternative plan to revert to spreading the games through the season, but this would only add to pressures on players involved in Continental club competitions, and I can't see it meeting with much enthusiasm.

I wouldn't be surprised if next season the competition was scrapped to enable those Home countries with World Cup aspirations to arrange more meaningful friendlies against foreign sides.

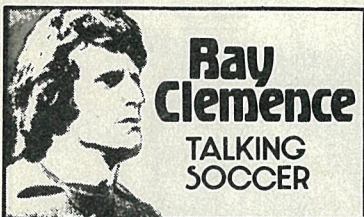
This year, through the absence of Liverpool and Ipswich players, the managers of England and Scotland will obviously draw upon a higher ratio of players from other top clubs.

'England won 5-1 in Belfast in 1979'

As far as Ron Greenwood is concerned, I'm sure that even though he'll introduce new faces to the squad, he'll mainly field regular members, as it's important to give them as much experience as possible.

People have asked me if I'm worried about Peter Shilton getting the chance to establish himself in goal and so relegate me to second spot.

I believe Ron Greenwood will continue his policy of alternating us and won't make a final choice until the World Cup is closer.



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

records of Ajax, Bayern Munich — and our Spanish opponents.

Instead of battling against the other home nations, we'll be involved in getting fit and in the right frame of mind to take on one of Europe's top club sides.

Part of our preparation is a friendly game against a West German side, yet to be arranged, as otherwise it would mean going two weeks without a competitive 90 minutes and losing match fitness.

Playing another British side would be pointless: like a glorified League game, against familiar faces and in the usual routine style. We need a Continental "warm up" with opposition playing a more sophisticated, technical type of football.

But I shall miss not being part of

Mickey Thomas (dark shirt) battles with England's Peter Barnes at the Racecourse Ground.



'The Welsh gave us a 4-1 thrashing last year'

'We are the Champions'

Second Division WEST HAM



'Our big test'
PAUL GODDARD

DESPITE all the plaudits which have been heaped upon Second Division Champions West Ham, striker Paul Goddard is aware that their big test comes next season against the best in Britain.

"Sure, we've had a better season than we could have hoped for, but there is still room for improvement before we can challenge teams like Liverpool, Ipswich and Villa," he says.

"But I am confident that we will be a good First Division side, and although I have never played at that level before I can play my part."

After scoring 16 goals for Q.P.R. the previous season, Goddard made the short trip across London last summer to sign for West Ham at a club record £800,000.

'Prospects'

"Football is a chancy game. You can only look at the odds and try to weigh up the prospects of making the right move. If I had written the script myself it couldn't have been better," Goddard confesses.

"Even at schoolboy level I have never enjoyed a season more. Reaching Wembley for the League Cup Final and getting to the last eight in the Cup-Winners' Cup were tremendous bonuses, but winning the Second Division title in such impressive style was the fulfilment of everything we had worked towards."

Even now manager John Lyall and his staff are working hard on building on the club's successes.

He is aware that his team won't find life so easy next season, but has been greatly encouraged by recent events at Upton Park.

"We were lucky in many ways, because we were never under pressure for the title, which

allowed us to turn our attentions to the diversions of the League Cup and Cup-Winners' Cup," Goddard continues.

"The turning point of the season came at the start of the year. We had just been held to a second draw by Wrexham in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup and knew we faced another long journey to the Racecourse Ground for the third game.

"At the time we were a point clear of Swansea in the League, and our game at the Vetch Field could have been the start of a decline if we'd lost.

"But we played really well that day. We won 3-1, probably our best performance of the season, to go three points clear, and we never looked back from that moment on."

With a goal difference of more than 50 in their favour, West Ham certainly proved themselves to be a class above the rest of the Second Division teams.

And Goddard contributed his share of goals, with strike partner David Cross they netted more than 50 goals between them.

It was that sort of success which enabled The Hammers to cruise home to the Second Division Championship.

"Life was made very easy for us because none of the other teams seemed capable of stringing a consistent run together.

"Even losing to Dinamo Tbilisi in the Cup-Winners' Cup was a good experience for us — I won't say it was enjoyable — but at least we went out to a marvellous side.

"We weren't too severely tested in our League games, but the lessons we learnt against the top teams in the Cup competitions will stand us in good stead for next season."

Third Division ROTHERHAM

ROTHERHAM skipper Jimmy Mullen had no hesitation in joining Third Division Rotherham last season, despite the fact that he had just helped Sheffield Wednesday to promotion after 12 years at Hillsborough.

"I wouldn't have gone to Millmoor if I didn't think Rotherham were capable of following Wednesday's lead," he said. "But it was obvious right from the start that the team was as good as that which Wednesday had 12 months ago."

Now Mullen is hoping to emulate Wednesday's feats in the Second Division, when they challenged for promotion right to the end of the latest campaign.

'Now for the First'

JIMMY MULLEN

paign.

"At first I thought it might take us 12 months to adjust to the Second Division, but I don't think so now. Grimsby, Blackburn and Wednesday have all been right at the top after promotion from the Third, and we can do the same," he says.

With so many of the Third Division teams coming from the Yorkshire area, many of Rotherham's games were played in front of packed crowds in a 'derby' atmosphere.

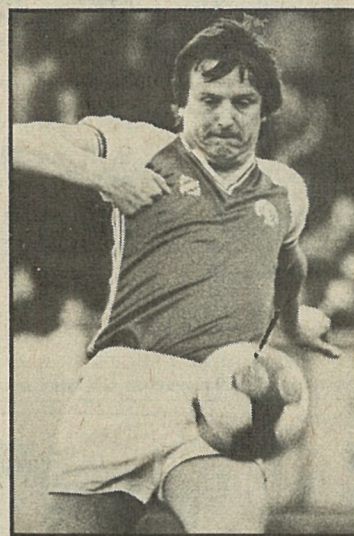
"That helped us a lot," Mullen admits. The bigger the occasion, the better we played. It should be the same next season, with Wednesday, Grimsby and Barnsley all there with us."

The big stopper is quick to give praise to manager Ian Porterfield, whose first season in charge could hardly have been better.

"The boss has done a marvellous job. He's learnt a lot, and that can only be to our benefit for the club's first season in the top half of the League for 13 years.

"Of the players, it's impossible to pick out individuals. Paul Stancliffe has been outstanding at centre-half, Ray Mountford has been great in goal and little Tony Towner has done really well to set up the 24 goals for big Ronnie Moore.

"But it's been a team effort in every sense of the word. Now we're going for the First Division... I reckon we can do it."



Fourth Division SOUTHEND

'Gamble paid off'

DAVE CUSACK



Southend's players were so confident of gaining promotion at the start of the season that they rejected a proposed wage increase in favour of a bonus for regaining the Third Division place which they lost a year ago.

"It could have proved a very expensive gamble, but we were sure we could make it," explains skipper Dave Cusack after guiding the Essex team to a runaway victory in the Fourth Division Championship race, their first honour in their 75 year history.

"The most satisfying moment of the season came when we knew we had to lose our last game and Lincoln had to win 8-0 to rob us of the title. That was the culmination of nine months hard work," he continues.

Despite the fact Southend led the table since early October, Cusack admits it has not been easy.

"Every club has wanted our scalp, and quite a few tried to take it by knocking us about.

"We had to fight hard for the right to play our football, but once we had achieved that there was nobody who could live with us."

Although Derek Spence and Terry Gray have been outstanding in attack for Southend, it comes as a great source of personal satisfaction to centre-half Cusack that the club have been so successful defensively.

"If you take away the five we conceded in our one off performance of the season at Peterborough, you'll see just how well we've done."

The season's only disappointment as far as the Southend players were concerned has been the lack of credit to manager Dave Smith.

"Dave has had only two Manager of the Month awards, and when you consider our achievements this season, that is ridiculous," says Cusack.

And next season?

"We have virtually the same team as that which was relegated a year ago, so we all have something to prove."

"Confidence is sky high at present, and there is talk of following Watford, Swansea and Grimsby in going straight up again.

"I'm not sure if we can do that, but I do know that we can more than hold our own in the Third."

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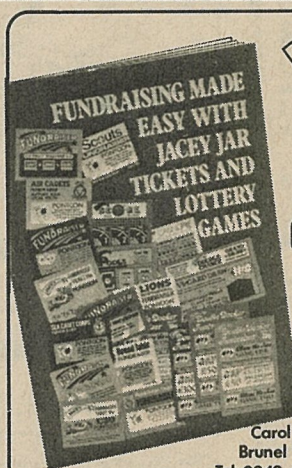
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SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION



The delighted Hibs fans chanted happily as the players proudly held aloft the Scottish First Division trophy after their victory over Raith Rovers at Easter Road.

After the rigour and tortures of the previous season when the once mighty Edinburgh club were thrown unceremoniously out of the Premier Division, no one could grudge them their big moment.

"We want Bertie Auld," they sang in praise of the man who became their team boss this term after leaving Partick Thistle.

But Bertie Auld was nowhere to be seen. He was, in fact, sipping champagne in Majorca on the day Hibs clinched the First Division title. Brian Clough eat your heart out!

"I didn't see it as a risk," says the flamboyant Auld, a colourful character in a sometimes drab soccer world. "After all, we had already clinched promotion and that was the main aim. Winning the title was a nice bonus.

"Anyway, I'm surprised the fans were chanting for me... it wasn't that long ago they were shouting for my head!"

Fumed

Auld realises that the real test is yet to come for his team when they kick off amidst the big boys once again in the new season.

He wasn't going for Diplomat of the Year award when he fumed not that long ago after a disappointing result against Dundee: "This team is simply not good enough for the Top Ten.

"I would say I have only three players in the present squad who are good enough to survive in the Premier Division. The others will have to buck up their ideas."

Auld has worked well with limited financial resources. His first signing for the club was Billy McLaren, a £10,000 buy from Morton, who had the unusual distinction of skipping the club on his debut.

Then the former Celtic midfield supremo paid £40,000 for Montrose's exciting winger Gary Murray and followed that up with a successful £60,000 bid for Celtic's unsettled right-back Alan Sneddon.

"I'm always interested in good

Auld's new-look Hibs

players at the right price," says Auld. "I want players who want to play for this club... I'm looking for players with drive and ambition.

"Hibs are a club with massive prestige. They are one of the big clubs in Scotland and the fans deserve better. I aim to give them that in the future."

Auld admits it was a heartbreaking decision leaving Partick Thistle, the club he supported as a boy. He says: "Only a club with the tradition of Hibs could have tempted me away from Firhill.

"People thought it a bit odd that I should leave a Premier Division club for a team in a lower League, but I knew that was only a temporary situation. I knew Hibs would be back up there as soon as possible."

Realist Auld makes no fancy promises. He goes about his job with the air of a cavalier, but, away from the spotlight, he is one of the hardest working managers in the game.

He and his assistant manager Pat Quinn, who also was his second in charge at Firhill, have travelled throughout Britain watching all sorts of games, reserve matches in England to junior games in Scotland.

They are building a new Hibs for the future, developing the youths of today into the players of tomorrow.

Bertie Auld is used to success in soccer. He won just about everything as a player... a European Cup medal, Scottish caps and all the domestic honours several times over.

He deserved those triumphs as a player. He also deserves the victories that are surely just around the corner as a manager.

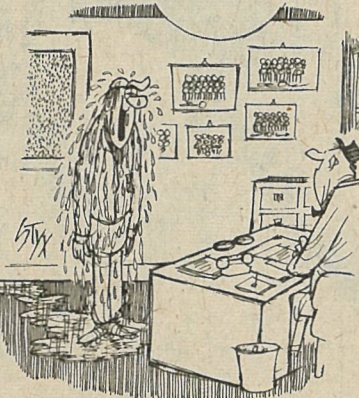
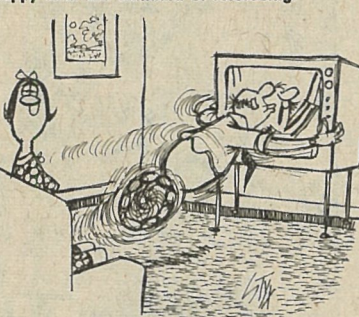
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"Shall we just say the managers weren't too happy with the standard of refereeing."



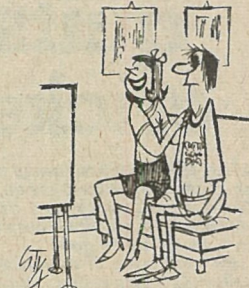
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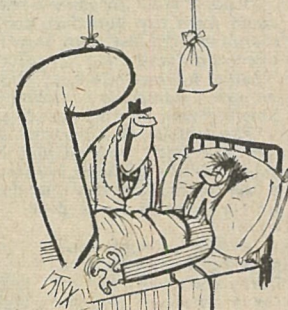
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"Here comes the good bit where you miss that open goal..."



"Instead of a testimonial we're going to have a flag day for you."

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Cooper has to play

ABERDEEN manager Alex Ferguson will play a player out of position next season — to help him.

Explains Fergie: "I can no longer keep Neale Cooper out of the side. He's only 17, but has so much talent he has to play."

"I'm prepared to use him at full-back or in midfield to give him Premier Division experience. There are some youngsters you just can't hold back. Martin Buchan, who captained Aberdeen aged 20, was one. Charlie Nicholas of Celtic is another."

Cooper is naturally a central defender and has filled in for Alex McLeish and Willie Miller on occasions. The problem is McLeish and Miller are two of the best players in Scotland — but it's a problem the Aberdeen boss is happy to have.



Stoke star conquers injury

PAUL Maguire is delighted to be playing again after recovering from a rare back complaint.

The chemical reaction from an x-ray left Maguire in hospital.

The Stoke City striker said: "When I was lying in bed, I was wondering if I would play again this season."

In January he made his come-

back and now he's fitter than ever. He says: "I've never felt better. There are no more problems with the back. In fact, it's probably stronger now."

Maguire was a £250,000 buy from Shrewsbury last season, joining the Potters after failing a medical at Everton.



Crippled 'Fletch' plays on

PAUL FLETCHER, considered to be one of the most promising strikers in the country in his Burnley days, is poised to make a dramatic comeback for Blackpool next season after injury threatened to end his career.

He has made remarkable progress after breaking a leg and suffering ligament trouble in a game seven months ago.

The injury, sustained in a game against Walsall, was so severe that doctors warned Fletcher he might have to quit football.

A delighted Blackpool manager Allan Brown says: "He is a battler who has fought hard against the injury. Paul is the type of player who could spark things for us next season."

The North-West coast club deserve a break after one of the gloomiest seasons in their illustrious history.

Paul Fletcher's career sprang to prominence at Bolton Wanderers, his hometown, before he transferred to Burnley where he played almost 300 League games.

Derby's Ramage quits cricket

ALAN RAMAGE has turned his back on cricket to concentrate on soccer. The Derby County and Yorkshire star has split his career between the two sports up to now.

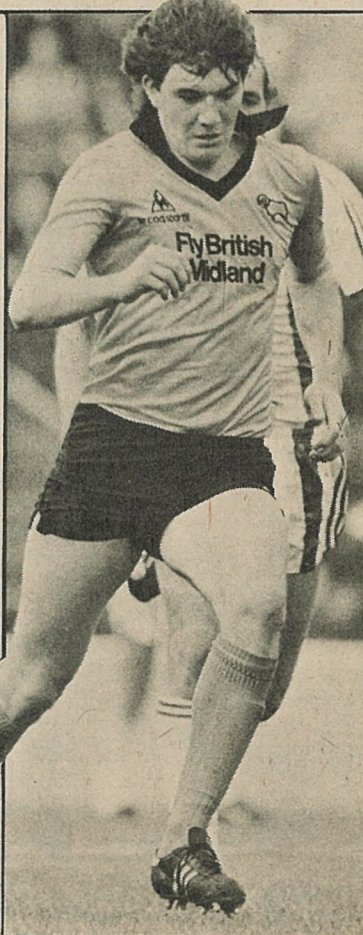
He says now: "I've decided football must come first. I'm almost over my recent cartilage operation and I aim to be fully fit when the players report back in July."

"I don't want to come back late again from my Yorkshire commitments as I did last year. Then I was overweight and out of condition."

When he was still with Middlesbrough Ramage's medium-fast bowling won him his county cap.

"The trouble is, I perspire a lot and my body needs liquid. The social life of a cricketer involves a few beers every day, but this isn't any good for a footballer."

"It was a tough decision, but I'm happy with Derby and given a settled team I believe we can win promotion next season."



NEWS DESK

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BRAVE FOX

BRAVERY award . . . Stoke's Paul Fox, a goalkeeper held in high regard by his fellow pros, played nearly the whole of the second half at Coventry with a fractured cheekbone.

Fox stayed on and produced some superb saves despite the pain. Quipped manager Alan Durban: "He had to carry on, I couldn't think who to put in goal."

Retiring at 20

IAN PAUL, one of the brightest prospects in football last season, has had to quit at the age of 20 because of illness.

Ian had three spells in hospital over the past few months.

He was one of the main reasons why Walsall gained promotion from the Fourth Division twelve months ago. His absence from the side since then has been one of the major reasons why the Midland club has struggled.

Ian is to have at least two months' rest before he looks for a job outside football. Walsall are planning a testimonial game for him in the near future.

TONY WARD, the Irish Rugby Union out-half, scored on his debut for Limerick United. Ward was on target in a testimonial game for Cork United's long serving English-born 'keeper Alex Ludzic.

Wolves honour Joe

JOE GARDNER has retired from soccer after 50 years' association with Wolves.

It is a measure of the high esteem in which he has been held over these years that old playing colleagues and former Wolves players travelled considerable distances to be at the farewell party.

During his association with the club he was a player, trainer, coach and in recent years chief scout.

HAMMERS BOSS GOES SCOUTING

WEST HAM manager John Lyall was scouting for new talent in Scotland last month, no doubt with an eye on the First Division next season.

Hammers fans may feel their team, which swept all before it in Division Two, is good enough to hold its own with the elite.

Lyall's main concern may be the fact that he goes into the top flight with five players who are 30 or over — Phil Parkes, Billy Bonds, Trevor Brooking, Frank Lampard and David Cross.

These players are far from finished, but it must be on Lyall's mind that one or two younger players are necessary to boost the squad.

Poor old Wolves were criticised for their Dad's Army team, with five over-30's which lost to Spurs in the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals. West Ham have proved that there's no substitute for experience!

● Middlesbrough could find a ready-made successor to Craig Johnston within their ranks. Mark Proctor is keen to take over the central midfield role after Johnston had moved from Ayresome Park to Anfield. The England Under-21 international thrives on the extra responsibility. "I can score more goals pushing through the middle. I told the boss I am keen to have a go in this role," he said.



O'Neill's rescue act

MARTIN O'NEILL's performances in Norwich's vain bid to escape relegation have not gone unnoticed by the manager, who is now trying to persuade the midfield star to stay on and help rescue the Canaries from the Second Division.

"For the last three years with Forest it was always exciting, with a League Cup or European Cup Final coming up. This season there was only a U.E.F.A. Cup spot to chase. Since I joined Norwich it was like one Cup Final after another. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to save us," said the Northern Ireland skipper.

MARK KENDALL is only rated third among Aston Villa's goalkeepers — and yet there are some shrewd judges who think the 19-year-old can go right to the top.

An England Youth international, the youngster rated behind Jimmy Rimmer and Nigel Spink is prepared to bide his time.

Kendall who was born in Nuneaton but now lives in Tamworth says: "I've got time on my side and I'm learning all the time."

Scottish prune

DUMBARTON are the latest Scottish club to consider scrapping their reserve team next season in an attempt to cut costs. Manager Sean Fallon says: "Costs are overpowering and it may be that keeping a playing pool of around 17 players is better than having a reserve side which nobody watches anyway."

Meanwhile, Motherwell manager Ally MacLeod has come up with a novel suggestion. "Play all reserve games before the big games. This would result in costs being reduced and the fans would get two games for the price of one."

SUPPORT SHOWBIZ STARS

THE Rediffusion Star Soccer XI will be taking on the Showbiz 11 at Worthing Football Club, Woodside Road, Sussex, on Sunday, May 17 (3.0).

All proceeds raised during the afternoon will be donated to the Sussex Youth Association incorporating PHAB (Physically Handicapped Able Bodied) and the Worthing Welfare Association.

The Showbiz 11 will be selected from regular team members Jim Davidson, Patrick Mower, Jess Conrad, Denny Laine, Jack Wild, Micky Most, David Hamilton, Bob Lindsay, Graham Dean, Peter Duncan, and many other well-known faces, subject to their availability.

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Learn to play with BOBBY MOORE

FORMER England captain Bobby Moore is still attracting the crowds... hundreds of youngsters who enjoyed spending Easter at one of his coaching schools.

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AGE caught up with Derby's veteran striker Kevin Hector when he faced Oldham's Paul Atkinson. For Kevin had once been a teammate of Paul's dad, Charlie, at Bradford.

Briefly...

● Alan Young, Leicester's Scottish striker, has been watched by John Bond. Relegation for the Midlands club could tempt them to sell him to Manchester City.

● Len Robinson, a 17-year-old goalkeeper with Grimsby Town, has had several other clubs interested in him. They include Bristol City, Hud-

dersfield, Hull, Wrexham, York and Scunthorpe.

● Even if Mickey Walsh moves back to English football, he will keep up his connection with Portugal. Walsh, in great form for Oporto, has bought a house in Portugal and intends using it as a holiday home if he leaves the Portuguese club.

● Freedom of Contract will be introduced in Northern Ireland at the beginning of the 1982-83 season.

● Bill Reed, a former Bishop Auckland secretary, has died aged 81. Reed was a committee member when they created history with an F.A. Amateur Cup hat-trick.

● Dave Sexton recently paid a flying visit to Dublin for a midweek game between Shamrock Rovers and Home Farm. Sexton was probably interested in Rovers' promising centre-half Jim Beglin, but that interest counts for nothing after Sexton's sacking at Manchester Utd.

MARK LOMAS, an 18-year-old right-back with Ipswich, must have had mixed feelings over his club's F.A. Cup Semi-Final defeat by Manchester City. Paul Power, the Manchester City captain and scorer of the only goal in the tie, is his cousin! Mark was born in Manchester, too!

Sirrell's bargain buy

JIMMY SIRRELL, Notts County's canny manager, believes he has picked up a bargain in Mark Goodwin, who checked in at Meadow Lane shortly before the transfer deadline.

Sirrell paid Leicester City £55,000 for Goodwin and he repaid a hefty slice of that fee when he scored a crucial first goal in the 2-2 draw at Derby when Notts found themselves trailing 2-0.

Goodwin said: "I did not have second thoughts about my move to County, because I knew they had an excellent chance of gaining promotion."

Juke rebuke

FULHAM midfielder man Robert Wilson recently scored direct from a corner... and received a joke rebuke from manager Malcolm Macdonald.

Supernac said: "I've told him not to shoot from the corner flag any more. It's a difficult angle."

Driver's sad record

CHELSEA'S Phil Driver ended the season with an extraordinary record — he scored more goals against Chelsea than for them in 1980/81!

Driver scored twice for Wimbledon in a pre-season friendly at Plough Lane. It was his performance in that game that prompted Chelsea to pay £40,000 for the winger.

Since his transfer, Driver has found the net just once for Chelsea. Mind you, hardly anyone's found the back of the opponent's net for Chelsea this year!

Carry on Alan Slough

FORMER Luton and Fulham favourite Alan Slough reckons he has several more seasons to go as a player, even though he is already 33.

He has been given a free transfer by Peterborough this summer, but even though he is a qualified referee and coach, does not want to give up the game as a player.

He said: "I am looking for a new club and think I have a couple more seasons left in me and would like to keep playing."

Could be he may add his experience to the youthful promise of Millwall — or even Fulham — where two of his old team mates Peter Anderson and Malcolm Macdonald are in charge.



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Switch made Harris a World Cup match winner

THE inconsistencies of Carl Harris and the early season problems at Leeds United have combined several months later to produce a personal success story, a buzzing-again Elland Road and an international match-winner for Wales.

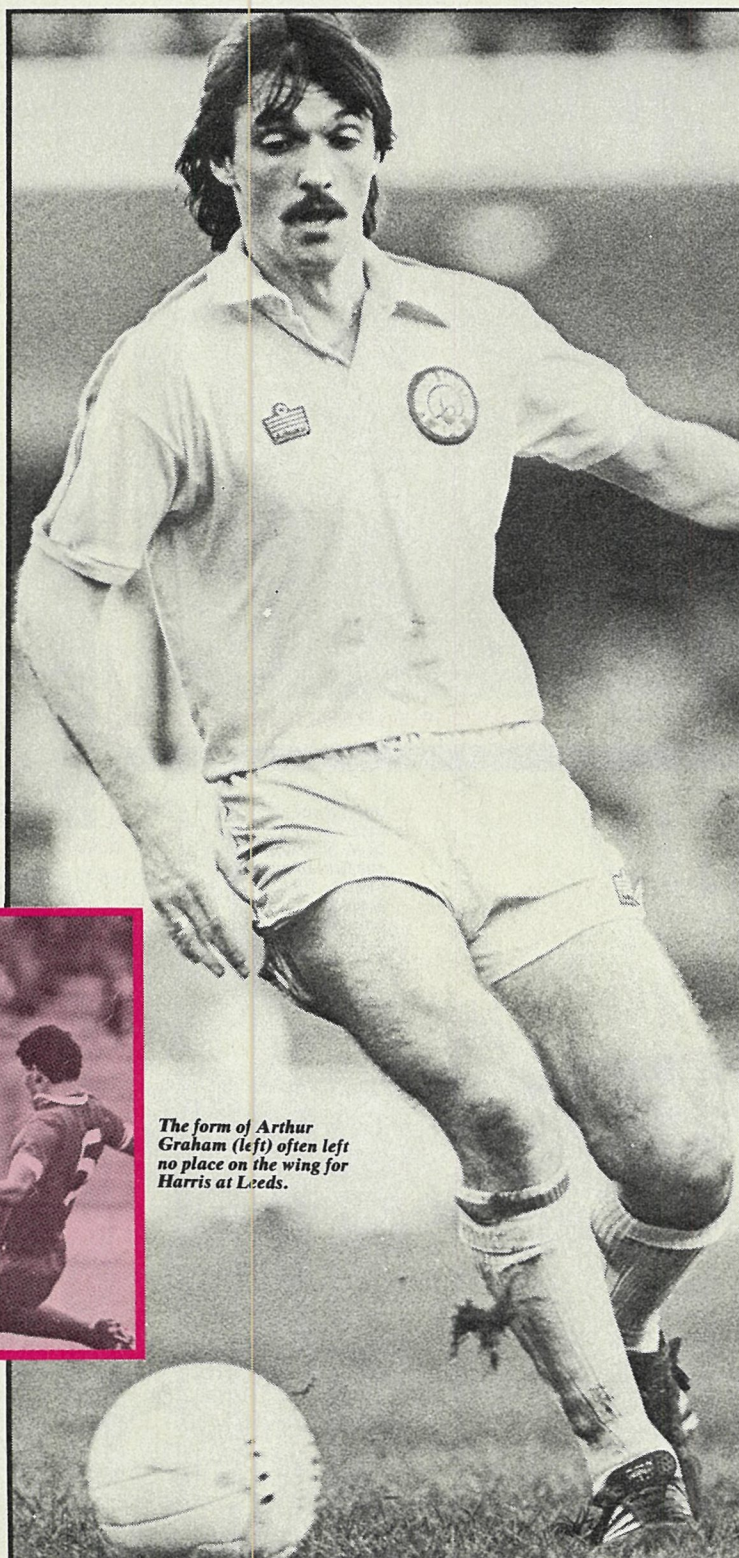
Within a few hard-working weeks as new manager, Allan Clarke hustled around to steer the club back towards the boom era it had known under Don Revie, and he had spotted what he wanted in the 24-year-old Welshman: a striker of lightning pace.

"That was Carl's great asset," agrees Clarke. "It is the one quality that all the coaching in the world will not produce. So I switched him from the wing to central striker. The response was instant and exciting — we had a new player."

The decisive moment came against Manchester City, another club heading for relegation at the time. Harris was experiencing the familiar role of sitting on the bench as substitute when Derek Parlane had to come off through injury.

"The manager said to me 'This is your chance. Go into his spot as central striker and let's see what you can do'. It was 0-0 at the time but then I scored the goal that won the two points and everything took off from there," says Harris.

"It was a great chance for me and I was determined to take it. I had become so fed up with being in and out of the side under Jimmy



The form of Arthur Graham (left) often left no place on the wing for Harris at Leeds.

Armfield, Jock Stein and Jimmy Adamson that I had whacked in two transfer requests at the start of the season.

"I knew there were other clubs interested in me and Leeds seemed a waste of time. I felt furious when those requests were turned down — but now those

decisions by the management have proved to be a couple of the luckiest strokes of my career!"

Clarke himself was one of the best English goal-takers of all time and he saw in Harris so many of his old lethal habits. So when the master says of his pupil: "Some of his performances have been world class," that is praise of the highest order.

"He reacts so quickly to split second situations when there is half a chance around," says Clarke... in words that Revie could have used about a young Clarke a dozen years ago. "Carl has had the best season of his career and reached double figures as a scorer for the first time in his life."

"I'm sure that I can do much better next time around. I'm already looking forward to next season," responds Harris. "In fact, I reckon that I should be on 20 goals right now for this season. There have been so many near misses that I need only to learn a bit more about the business to be far more effective."

"It is a different life for me now at Elland Road. For so long, it was between Arthur Graham and myself because only one winger was needed and the uncertainty became depressing. I can tell you that I felt a very different player when I scored six goals in nine matches during my best spell of the season!"

Best chance

That zest has rubbed off for Wales, who now look to have the best British chance of qualifying for next year's World Cup Finals. Harris had played 17 internationals — many of them coming on as substitute or being pulled off — before he scored his first goal... that came recently in Turkey and produced a 1-0 victory to give Wales eight points from four matches.

Apart from a warm up game in Eire a month previously, it was his first international as a striker, and he celebrated with a furiously struck shot that almost unhinged the Turkish net. "It is what we have come to expect of Carl at Leeds," says his club and country team-mate Brian Flynn.

"Many of his displays have been absolutely brilliant. As a winger, he had too much time and his concentration wandered. As a striker, he has to do everything in an instant — and he has the pace, control and reflexes he needs to do that job as well as anyone."

"I'm far more confident now," says Harris. "It all started from that goal against Manchester City and I've gone on from there. I like this challenge of playing off the cuff; to see the half chance and snap at it."

"I'm very happy to be playing there and I feel that I've turned my career inside out. Hitting the back of the net against the Turks also did a lot for me as an international because I had waited for so long to score."



ENGLAND FLOP!

England's path to Spain was blocked by a solid Rumanian defence at Wembley recently, and a goalless draw places qualification in jeopardy for Ron Greenwood's men.



A disappointing night for Trevor Francis, thwarted here by Rumanian defender Negrilla. Right: the closest to a goal all night, with England 'keeper Peter Shilton just saving on the line.



SCOTLAND TOP!

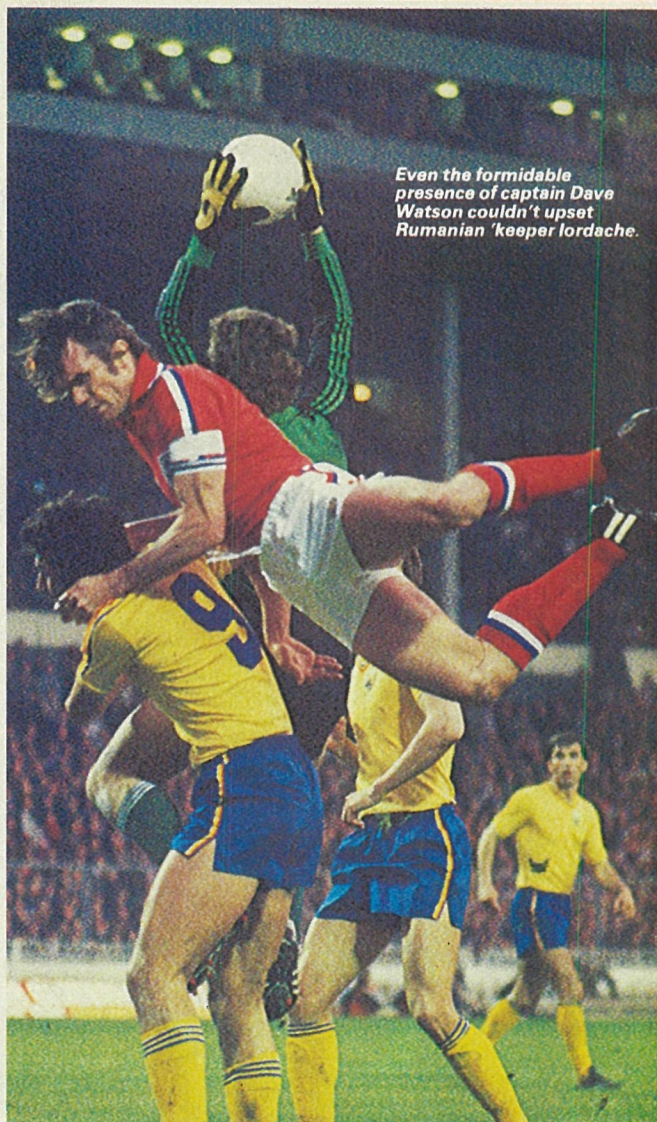
John Robertson sets the Scots on their way with the first of two successful penalty conversions.



Not this time for Steve Archibald, felled by Israel 'keeper Mizrahi.



That man Negrilla again, clearing from Tony Woodcock.



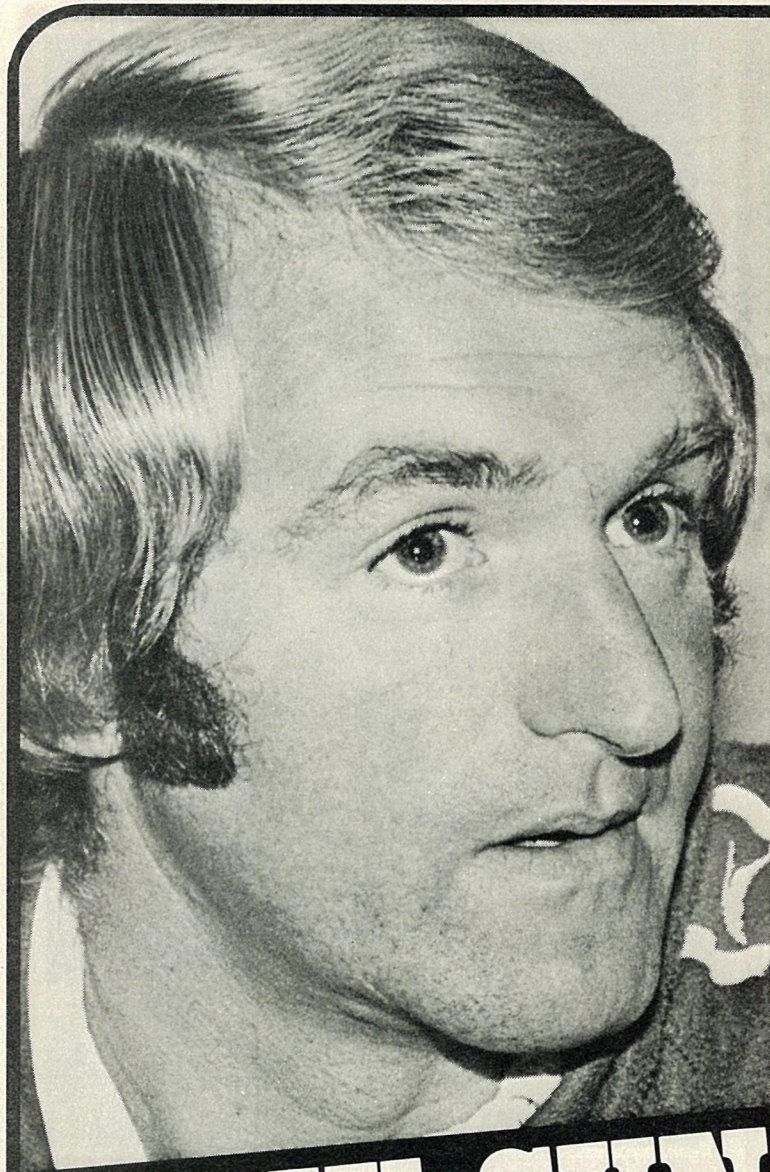
Even the formidable presence of captain Dave Watson couldn't upset Rumanian 'keeper lordache.



Scotland took a step nearer their third successive World Cup Finals with a convincing 3-1 victory over Israel to head their qualifying group.



Joe Jordan is hauled down by a desperate Ekhois as Scotland press forward.



club from Sheffield Wednesday by Jimmy Adamson.

When Adamson left, Billy Elliott was given temporary control and took them to the brink of the First Division in 1979.

In the summer, Elliott departed from Sunderland and Knighton was eventually offered the job.

If anybody could have guaranteed them promotion in the next season, then survival in the First Division in the following year, the directors would have jumped at the chance.

Knighton was well on his way to achieving just that, with the help of assistant Frank Clark.

But the axe fell in the middle of April when, ironically, the board were thought to be meeting to discuss ground developments at the Roker End.

Not surprisingly, the upheaval affected the players and they only just escaped the drop after looking set for a mid-table position before Knighton went.

It all left a huge question mark against the timing of the sacking.

Bad timing or not, there is little doubt that the Roker pair would have gone anyway.

Important

There had been constant friction between Knighton and Cowie, brought to a head at Christmas when the manager and his assistant paid to take the players to an hotel for an overnight stay before an important home game.

"The manager can certainly afford it," said Cowie and went on to upset Knighton by revealing how much he was being paid.

But the underlying cause, apart from differences in personality, was Knighton's buying record.

Cowie and many of the board were particularly unhappy, with some justification, about the impact of Claudio Marangoni, who was brought from Argentina.

Also, they weren't keen on John Hawley and Sam Allardyce, bought from Leeds and Bolton respectively, while Ritchie and Ian Bowyer were struggling.

But that ignores the shrewd purchases made by Knighton, notably Chris Turner, Joe Hinnigan and Stan Cummins.

And it doesn't take into account the fact that Knighton was told there wasn't any money available to buy Mike Robinson for £400,000 from Manchester City at the start of the season.

Certainly, Knighton made mistakes. Perhaps he was foolish to build up hopes at the start of the season by talking about qualifying for Europe.

But Knighton's record at Sunderland should have earned him a much longer spell at the club, regardless of differences with a chairman and his board.

And he is right when he says: "Between us, I think Frank Clark and I have a lot to offer."

It shouldn't be long before Knighton and Clark find themselves a new job.

And Mr Cowie and his fellow-directors are left with the difficult task of finding somebody with a name big enough to satisfy the fans... and willing to take on a club where the demands of the board are clearly very high.

WHY SUNDERLAND SACKED KNIGHTON

WORKING in the garden of his home on the outskirts of Tyneside, Ken Knighton could be excused a wry smile as the result of the Sunderland v Birmingham game came over the radio.

For the first Saturday in 20 years, Knighton was not involved with a League club after his shock sacking by Sunderland.

And one of the main reasons for the Roker club giving Knighton his cards was their dissatisfaction with his buying record during nearly two years at the club.

His last purchase had been Tom Ritchie from Bristol City and Ritchie had failed to score in 11 games for Sunderland.

Yet, five days after Knighton packed his belongings, up popped Ritchie with all three goals against

Birmingham and he admitted later: "I could easily have had the hat-trick in my last home game and perhaps things might have worked out differently."

He could hardly know that Knighton's fate had probably been sealed as soon as Tom Cowie became the chairman at the start of the season.

Knighton and Cowie simply didn't see eye-to-eye on many matters. The manager was to discover that you don't take on the man with the purse-strings and win, even if you do have the support of the majority of the fans, as Knighton most certainly did.

He built up a rapport with the Roker faithful during his days as coach after being brought to the

Defeat for Sunderland (stripes) by Middlesbrough didn't help Knighton's cause.



BRIAN Kidd has been top scorer at four of Britain's leading clubs — Arsenal, Everton, Manchester City and United.

Yet each have freed him while he was still full of goals. Now he's scoring in the NASL with Atlanta Chiefs, and will return to Second Division Bolton next season.

But Kidd doesn't think he needs the constant change of scenery to produce his best in front of goal. "It's just the way things have worked out," he says.

"I must admit I was surprised when Everton decided to sell me after I'd topped the scoring. But I'm not one to brood over something like that.

'Grateful'

"I enjoyed every minute of my time at Goodison Park and I got some lovely letters from the Everton fans after I left. So I'm grateful for that."

Kidd didn't take long to adjust to conditions at Bolton. He scored 13 goals in his first 26 games, including hat-tricks against Newcastle and Cambridge.

"I was having a terrific season up until the New Year. Then I injured a rib during the F.A. Cup tie at Nottingham Forest. They thought I'd broken it at first.

"I don't know what it feels like to have a broken rib and I'd rather not find out, because I played on for five games with the injury and that was bad enough."

Eventually, he was forced to rest. And as soon as he got back into the side, he got another whack that put him on the treatment table. "It's been the worst season I've known for injuries."

"When I agreed to come to Bolton I was expecting us to be in the running for promotion, but injuries knocked that on the head."

At 30, he doesn't find goal-scoring any more difficult than it was as a teenager with Manchester United. "It's no different to me. I went through a sticky patch after coming back into the side after injury but that was just bad luck.

"I want to stay on in the game when I finish playing. I wouldn't even mind a player-manager role in a few years. But I want to just concentrate on the playing side for a while.

"I'm lucky that I have always liked the training as well as the playing. And when you look at the unemployment situation in this country at the moment, it makes

'Goalscoring just as easy now'

claims
BRIAN KIDD

you feel grateful to be in a job like ours.

"I drive past the unemployment office when I take my youngsters to school and it makes you want to cry to look at the dole queue. There's so many people there that it looks like they're queueing for a football match."

Kidd is now trying to maintain his record of leading the scoring at every club now he's with Atlanta Chiefs.

But he expects Bolton to take up their option to buy him back in time for the start of next season.

"A lot of clubs in the States showed an interest in me, but I took my time deciding because I wanted to make sure that I could do it without having to leave Bolton for good."

Kidd is, in any case, a home-lover. Despite his moves, he's always kept his house in Manchester. And that's where he'll be returning after his American summer.

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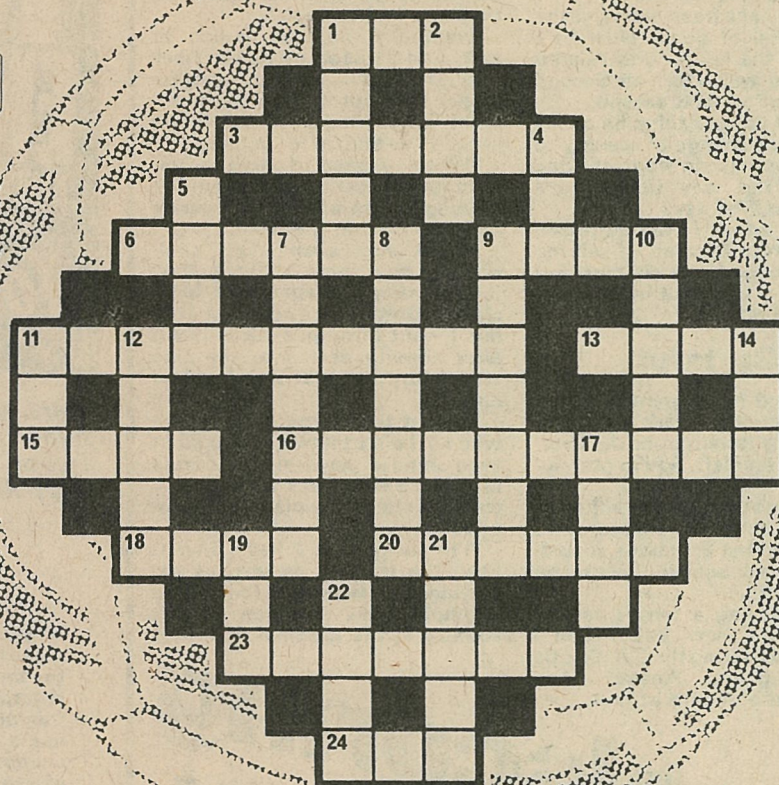
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- (1) If Reading makes "RAG"; what does Preston make? (3)
- (3) Alan or Ray of Liverpool. (7)
- (6) Take six letters from Crystal Palace to make a package. (6)
- (9) Squeezes tightly. (4)
- (11) Aston Villa midfield players. (3 & 7)
- (13) Part of lower leg. (4)
- (15) Christen. (4)
- (16) Leicester City striker. (5 & 5)
- (18) The penalty area is sometimes known as the '18 — box'. (4)
- (20) Struggle. (6)
- (23) Stuart —, West Ham striker. (7)
- (24) Indistinct. (3)

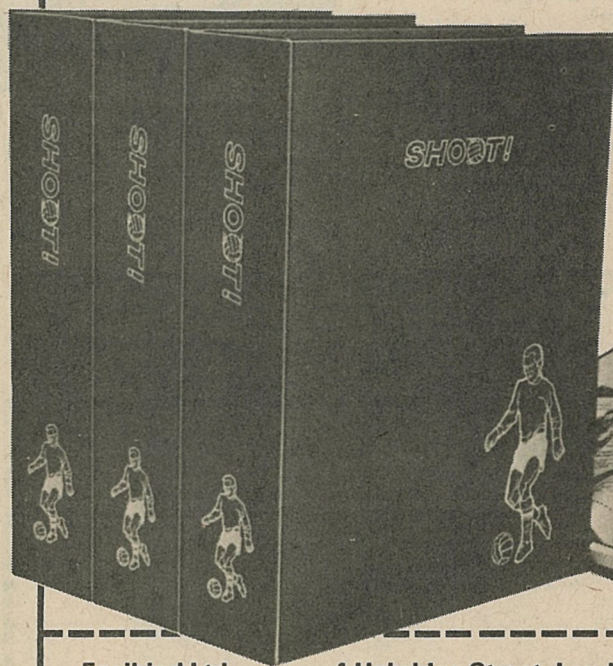
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- (2) — Brotherston, Blackburn Rovers striker. (4)
- (4) Willie —ng; Arsenal centre-half. (3)
- (5) Take four letters from Blackburn to make a hook. (4)
- (7) Lined by folding. (7)
- (8) Of the most duration. (7)
- (9) The —, nickname of Watford. (7)
- (10) Ken —, Aston Villa full-back. (5)
- (11) — Givens; Sheffield United striker. (3)
- (12) — Lee, Liverpool player. (5)
- (14) Peter —, Stoke City keeper. (3)
- (17) Use the initial letters of Oxford, Kilmarnock, York and Leicester to make an egg part. (4)
- (19) Steve G—es; Cardiff player signed from Norwich. (3)
- (21) Loek —, Stoke City midfielder player. (5)
- (22) Peter —, Forest striker. (4)



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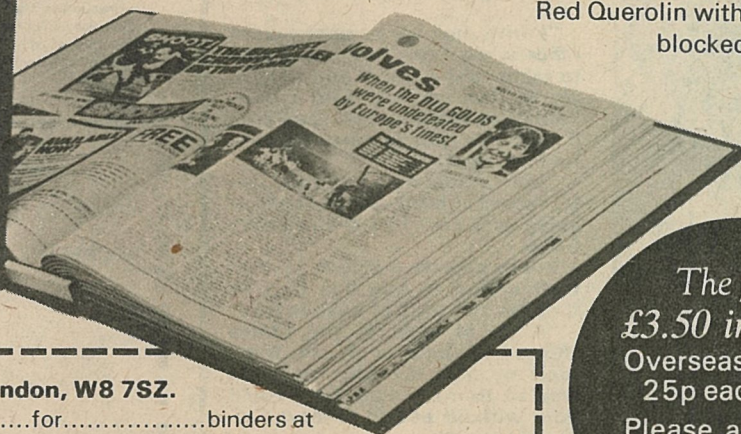


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KEEGAN SUCCEEDS DESPITE SETBACKS

BELOW: On target for Saints against Forest.
MIDDLE: On the attack for England against Spain.
BOTTOM: Agony for Keegan after damaging an ankle at Everton.

KEVIN Keegan hopes to be leading England to World Cup victory in Spain in 12 months time. The Southampton star will also be pondering over his personal future when his contract ends with Saints.

It could be he'll head for the United States for a grand finale, before his daughter starts school. Keegan's wife, Jean, and Laura-Jane will be the deciding factor.

It's been a season of mixed fortune for the England captain. Ironically, one of the main reasons he came back was to be nearer the England set-up, but untimely injuries meant he had to wait until March, against Spain, to wear the famous white shirt again.

Despite these setbacks, Keegan has still managed to score around a goal every other game, good going for a player who isn't a recognised striker.

It's unrealistic to expect Keegan to do the sort of running he did when he was 26 or 27. At 30, he paces himself better, although the ability to do the unexpected is still there.

Keegan will be grateful for the longer than usual close-season. When he kicks-off 1981/82 on the last Saturday of August it could be his last in English football.

He may decide to stay on at Southampton. Whatever he does, there will be no shortage of offers for one of Europe's superstars of the past decade.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Saturday, April 11

Second Division

continued

GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Waters pen)
WEST HAM (1) 5 (Cross 4, Pike) 17,924
 Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie (Ford), Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Brolly, Whymark, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

LUTON (1) 3 (Ingram, Stein, Antic)
O.P.R. (0) 0 12,112
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Greulich, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Antic, Moss.
 OPR: Burridge, Shanks, Gillard (Burke), Silkman, Wicks, Roeder, Flanagan, Francis, Sealy, Currie, Waddock.

NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Turner (o.g.), Shoulder)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Goldsmith) 10,987
 Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Davies, Martin, Barton, Halliday, Shoulder, Trewick, Harford, Wharton, Walker.
 Cambridge: Key, Evans, Murray, Smith, Turner, Gibbins, Streete, Spriggs, Reilly, Goldsmith (Pyle), O'Neill.

OLDHAM 0
CHELSEA 0 6,740
 Oldham: McDonnell, Edwards, Blair, Keegan, Clements, Futcher, Nuttall, Heaton (McDonough), Steel, Palmer, Atkinson.
 Chelsea: Borota, Nutton, Pates, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Driver, Fillery, Lee, Mayes, Hutchings.

ORIENT (0) 1 (Godfrey)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Craig) 4,984
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Moores, Godfrey, Jennings, Mayo, Bowles, Taylor (P).
 Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Hadziabdic, Attley, Stevenson, Lewis, Giles (Curtis), James (R), James (L), Charles, Craig.

WREXHAM (1) 4 (Winter 2, Fox 2)
SHEFF WED (0) 0 8,001
 Wrexham: Davies, Jones, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Arkwright, Vinter, McNeil, Hill.
 Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirliff, Mellor, Starland (Mirocevic), Johnson, Taylor, McCulloch, Curran.

Third Division

BRENTFORD (1) 3 (Roberts, Johnson, Ridley (o.g.))
CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Moss, Kowalski) 4,880

FULHAM (1) 2 (Banton, Coney)
CARLISLE (1) 3 (Beardsley, Staniforth, Robson) 4,193

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Horrix) 13,353

PORTSMOUTH 0
GILLINGHAM 0 9,172

READING (0) 1 (Laws (o.g.))
BURNLEY (1) 3 (Taylor 2, Phelan) 3,728

ROTHERHAM (2) 3 (Seasman, Mullen, Fern)
CHARLTON (0) 0 13,515

SWINDON (1) 3 (Rideout 2, Rowland)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 6,120

WALSALL (0) 1 (Penn)
PLYMOUTH (1) 3 (Hodges, Kemp 2) 3,556

Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Morgan, Pugh)
BURY (0) 2 (Madden, Johnson) 4,204

BRADFORD (2) 3 (Campbell 3)
WIGAN (2) 3 (Wright 2 (1 pen), Quinn (M)) 2,069

HARTLEPOOL (2) 3 (Hogan, Houchen, Lawrence)
HALIFAX (0) 0 1,576

HEREFORD (2) 2 (McGrellis, Cornes)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Price (o.g.)) 2,009

NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Bowen)
WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Cunningham) 2,121

PETERBOROUGH 0
ALDRSHOT 0 4,783

SOUTHCEND 0
LINCOLN 0 11,975



Robert Russell (Rangers)

YORK (1) 2 (McDonald pen, Byrne)
CREWE 0 1,602

Scottish Cup

(Semi-Finals)

CELTIC 0
DUNDEE UNITED 0 at Hampden Park 40,337
 Celtic: Bonner, McLeod, Reid, Sullivan, McAdam, Aitken, Provan, Conroy, McCluskey (Doyle), Burns, Nicholas.
 Dundee United: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.

RANGERS (1) 2 (Jackson, Russell)
MORTON (0) 1 (Ritchie pen) at Parkhead 27,050

Rangers: Stewart, Miller, Dawson, Forsyth, Jackson, Bett (McAdam), McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Redford, Johnston.

Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr (Ritchie), McNeil, Busby, Thomson, Tolmie, Cochran.

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Rougvie)
HEARTS (0) 0 6,500
 Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson (Jarvie), Cooper (Hewitt), Miller, Simpson, Angus, McGhee, Harrow, Scanlon.
 Hearts: Brough, Denny, Shields, Bowman, Liddell (F), Hammill, McKay, Gibson, Liddell (G), Robertson, Kidd.

ST. MIRREN (0) 3 (Logan 3)
PARTICK (2) 2 (Higgins 2) 4,445
 St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, McAveety, Copland, Fulton, Abercrombie, Bone, Stark, Somner, McDougall (Logan), Richardson.
 Partick: Rough, McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Welsh, Doyle, Park, McDonald (Clark), Higgins, Watson (Jardine), O'Hara.

Scottish First

CLYDEBANK (2) 2 (Miller 2)
BERWICK (0) 0 350

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (McFarlane)
DUNDEE (0) 1 (Mackie) 3,200

FALKIRK (0) 1 (Smith)
DUMBARTON (0) 3 (Blair 2, Brown) 1,300

HIBS (1) 2 (Connolly, Callaghan)
EAST STIRLING (0) 0 3,000

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (McNeil, Morton)
RAITH (0) 0 4,926

STIRLING (0) 0
HAMILTON (0) 1 (Craig) 500

Scottish Second

ALBION (0) 3 (Ross, Campbell, Mulvaney)
FORFAR (1) 2 (Allen, Meikle (o.g.)) 650

ARBROATH (0) 0
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Hancock) 780

BRECHIN 0
MEADOWBANK 0 950

CLYDE 0
ALLOA 0 790

EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Tait)
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Allen) 980

STRANRAER (0) 3 (Murphy 2, Harvey)
COWDENBEATH (2) 2 (Hay, Liddell) 690

Sunday, April 12

Third Division

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Bamber)
OXFORD (1) 1 (Foley) 3,188

Fourth Division

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Esser, Martinez)
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Bowles) 2,590

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Fell)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Burrows) 1,699

Tuesday, April 14

First Division

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Shaw)
IPSWICH (1) 2 (Brazil, Gates) 47,494
 Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Williams, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.
 Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall, Thijsen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

LIVERPOOL (0) 0
MANCHESTER UTD (1) 1 (McQueen) 31,276
 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Money, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Daiglish, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Case.
 Man. Utd: Bailey, Duxbury, Albiston, Moran, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Birtles, Jordan, Macari, Wilkins.

Second Division

PRESTON (0) 2 (Elliott, Houston)
SHEFFIELD WED (0) 1 (McCulloch) 9,537
 Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Burns, Haslegrave, Baxter, Blackley, Coleman, Bell, Elliott, Houston, Bruce.
 Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirliff, Johnson, Mellor, Pearson, Taylor, McCulloch, Curran.

Third Division

BURNLEY (3) 4 (Brown (og), Scott, Overson, Potts)
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Kindon, Stanton) 11,259

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Warman)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 (Croft, Rafferty) 8,863

HULL 0
SWINDON 0 2,789

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Hodges)
SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 0 4,897

Fourth Division

NORTHAMPTON 0
HEREFORD 0 1,380

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Chamberlain (N), Bowles)
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell) 2,221

YORK (0) 0
BURY (1) 1 (Johnson) 1,786

Scottish Second

BRECHIN (1) 1 (Campbell)
QoS (0) 0 1,000

Wednesday, April 15

F.A. Cup

(Semi-Final Replay)

TOTTENHAM (2) 3 (Crooks 2, Villa)
WOLVES (0) 0 at Highbury 52,539
 Tottenham: Aleksic, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles (Brooke), Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.
 Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Hughes (Clarke), McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Bell, Richards, Eves.

Second Division

NEWCASTLE 0
BLACKBURN 0 15,229
 Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Davies, Martin, Barton, Halliday, Shoulder, Trewick, Harford, Wharton, Walker.
 Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Garner, Crawford, Lowey, Burke, Speight.

Scottish Cup

(Semi-Final replay)

CELTIC (2) 2 (Nicholas 2 (1 pen))
DUNDEE UTD (2) 3 (Bannon, Hegarty 2) At Hampden 32,323
 Celtic: Bonner, MacLeod, Reid, Sullivan (Doyle), McAdam, Aitken, Provan, Conroy, McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas.
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.

Scottish Premier

RANGERS (1) 1 (Russell) 7,000
ST. MIRREN (0) 0
 Rangers: Stewart, Miller, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, Bett, McLean, Russell, McAdam, Redford, Johnston.
 St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, McAveety, Copland, Fulton, Abercrombie, Bone (Speirs), Stark, Somner, Richardson, Logan.

KILMARNOCK 0
MORTON 0 973
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch, McLean, Cockburn, Clark, Armstrong, McDicken, McCreadie, Mauchlen, Bourke, Eadie, Crummond.
 Morton: Baines, Hayes, Wilkie, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, Houston, Busby, Cochran, Tolmie, Ritchie.

Scottish First

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (Hegarty, McNaughton)
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Irvine) 2,000

HIBS (3) 3 (Rae 2, Paterson)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 4,000

Scottish Second

COWDENBEATH (2) 4 (Liddle 2, Forest 2)
ALLOA (0) 2 (Holt 2 (1 pen)) 850

Friday, April 17

Second Division

WATFORD (0) 2 (Gray (og), Bolton)
ORIENT (0) 0 12,459
 Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Harrison, Taylor, Terry, Bolton, Ward (Callaghan), Blissett, Armstrong, Jackett, Poskett.
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Moores, Godfrey, Jennings, Mayo, Bowles, Taylor (P).

Third Division

CHESTER (0) 2 (Cooke 2)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Entwistle) 2,804

Fourth Division

HARTLEPOOL (0) 2 (Howard, Linacre)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 5,531

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Hadley, Spence)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Morgan) 7,355

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Craven)
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Warboys pen) 2,919

Saturday, April 18

First Division

ASTON VILLA (2) 2 (Cowans pen, Withe)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0 34,707
 Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Williams, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.
 Nottingham Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gunn, McGovern, Aas, Needham, Mills, Ward, Francis, Gray (S), Robertson.

COVENTRY (2) 2 (Daly, Thompson)
STOKE (0) 2 (Chapman, Maguire pen) 12,766
 Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Bannister, Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt.
 Stoke: Fox, Evans, Munro, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Hampton, Bracewell, Chapman, Heath, Maguire.

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
BRIGHTON (2) 3 (Gregory 2, Smith) 18,791
 Palace: Barron, Lovell, Hinchelwood, Price, Boyle, Cannon, Bason, Brooks, Walsh (Gilbert), Langley, Hilaire.
 Brighton: Digweed, Ramsey (Ryan), Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, Gregory, O'Sullivan, Robinson, Ritchie, Smith.

LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCORERS...

EVERTON (2) 4 (Hartford 2 (1 pen), Megson, Eastoe)
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Shearer) 15,706
 Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Ratcliffe, Wright, Lyons, Stanley (Sharp), Megson, Eastoe, Varadi, Hartford, Lodge.
 Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattrass (Ashcroft), Bailey, Bell, Angus, McAndrew, Burns, Proctor, McDonald, Shearer, Armstrong.

IPSWICH (0) 0
ARSENAL (1) 2 (Nicholas, Sansom) 30,935
 Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall, O'Callaghan, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates (Parkin).
 Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Nicholas, Davis.

LEICESTER (0) 2 (Young, Lynex)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Baker, Moran) 21,239
 Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Friar, Byrne, May, O'Neill, Lynex, Henderson (McDonald), Young, Wilson, Smith.
 Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, Baker, Moran, Ball.

LEEDS 0
LIVERPOOL 0 39,206
 Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Hird, Parlane, Stevenson, Graham.
 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Money, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 2 (Jordan, Macari)
WEST BROM (0) 1 (Regis) 44,442
 Man Utd: Bailey, Duxbury, Albiston, Moran, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Birtles, Jordan, Macari, Wilkins.
 West Brom: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (Cross), Regis, Owen, Barnes.



Tom Ritchie (Sunderland)

SUNDERLAND (2) 3 (Ritchie 3 (1 pen))
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 20,158
 Sunderland: Siddall, Hinnigan, Bolton, Hindmarch, Allardyce, Elliott (Rowell), Arnott, Buckley, Ritchie, Brown, Cummins.
 Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Broadhurst, Dillon, Van den Hauwe, Todd, Ainscow, Evans, Bertschin, Gemmill, Handysides.

TOTTENHAM (2) 2 (Hoddle pen, Miller)
NORWICH (2) 3 (O'Neill, Watson, Roberts (o.g.)) 34,413
 Tottenham: Aleksic, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Brooke (Hazard), Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.
 Norwich: Woods, McDowell (Hoadley), Downs, McGuire, Walford, Watson, O'Neill, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Barham.

WOLVES (1) 1 (Richards)
MAN CITY (1) 3 (Tueart, Bennett 2) 17,037
 Wolves: Bradshaw, Humphrey, Parkin, Clarke (Teasdale), McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Atkinson, Bell, Richards, Moss.
 Man City: Corrigan, Henry, McDonald, Booth, Power, Caton (Buckley), Bennett, Tueart, Mackenzie, Kinsey, Reeves.

Second Division

BLACKBURN 0
BOLTON 0 16,537
 Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Garner, Stonehouse, Lowey, Burke, Speight.
 Bolton: Poole, Nicholson, Walsh, Reid, Jones, Cantello, Nikolic, Whatmore, Thomas, Hoggan, Gowling.

BRISTOL CITY 0
CHELSEA 0 9,764
 Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Hay, Aitken, Marshall, Sweeney, Musker, Fitzpatrick, Mabbutt, Mann, Chandler.
 Chelsea: Borota, Chivers, Pates, Bumstead, Droy (Locke), Nutton, Driver, Fillery, Lee, Mayes, Hutchings.

DERBY (1) 2 (Wilson, McFarland)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 14,139
 Derby: Jones, Osgood, Buckley, Powell (S), McFarland, Powell (B), Reid, Hector, Clayton, Wilson, Emsen.
 Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Davies, Martin, Barton, Halliday, Shoulder, Trewick, Harford, Wharton, Walker.

GRIMSBY 0
OLDHAM 0 10,634
 Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore (K), Brolly, Whymark, Drinkell, Mitchell, Steeples (Ford).
 Oldham: McDonnell, Edwards, Blair, Keegan, Clements, Fletcher, Wyde, McDonough, Steel, Palmer, Atkinson.

LUTON (1) 1 (Moss pen)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0 9,009
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Antic, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Moss.
 Bristol Rovers: McAllister, Gillies, Slater, McCaffery, Hughes, Emmanuel, Williams (G) (Williams (D)), Barrett, Randall, Lee, Mabbutt.

NOTTS COUNTY 0
PRESTON 0 8,485
 Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Beavan (Harkouk).
 Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Burns, Haslegrave, Baxter, Blackley, Coleman, Bell, Elliott, Houston, Bruce.

ORIENT (0) 0
WEST HAM (2) 2 (Neighbour, Pike) 14,592
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T) (Mayol), Gray, Moores, Chiedozie, Hughton, Jennings, Bowles, Taylor (P).
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Pearson (Barnes), Cross, Brooking, Pike.

QPR 0
WATFORD 0 10,571
 QPR: Burridge, Neal, Gillard, Fenwick, Wicks, Roeder, Waddock, Francis, Flanagan, Currie, Burke.
 Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Harrison, Taylor, Terry, Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Armstrong, Jackett, Rostron.

SHEFFIELD WED (0) 4 (McCulloch 3, Taylor)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Streete) 14,315
 Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Johnson, Mellor, Taylor, Mirocevic, McCulloch, Curran.
 Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Turner, Smith, Gibbins, Streete, Spriggs, Christie (Goldsmith), Lyons, O'Neill.

SWANSEA (1) 1 (James (L))
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Stevens) 19,038
 Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Hadziabdic, Rajkovic, Stevenson, Lewis, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Charles, Craig.
 Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Sullivan, Grapes, Pontin, Dwyer, Lewis, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Giles.

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Hill)
SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Biggins, Atkins)
 Wrexham: Davies, Jones, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski, Carrodus (Buxton), Fox, Arkwright, Vinter, McNeil, Hill.
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Dungworth, Biggins, Cross.

Third Division

BLACKPOOL 0
BURNLEY 0 7,198

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Booker)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Givens) 5,620

CARLISLE (0) 0
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Fern) 6,798

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Moss, Crawford)
CHESTER (0) 0 3,850

FULHAM (1) 1 (Coney)
CHARLTON (0) 0 7,102

GILLINGHAM 0
COLCHESTER 0 4,408

HULL (0) 2 (Marwood, Deacy)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Robins) 6,328

NEWPORT (0) 2 (Tynan, Waddle)
EXETER (1) 1 (Kellow pen) 5,231



Kevin Hector (Derby)

OXFORD (1) 2 (Page, Smithers)
READING (1) 1 (Hetzke) 5,386

PLYMOUTH 0
SWINDON 0 6,369

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Doyle pen, Gregory)
MILLWALL (1) 1 (Horrix) 13,115

WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley pen)
BARNLEY (1) 1 (Cooper) 6,026

Fourth Division

ALDRSHOT (0) 1 (Bennett)
SOUTHEND (2) 2 (Nelson, Gray) 4,433

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Downes) 5,048

BURY (2) 6 (Whitehead, Johnson 2 (1 pen), Madden 2, Butler)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Stewart) 2,357

DARLINGTON (3) 3 (Stalker, Walsh 2)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (McIlwraith pen) 2,015

MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Thompson, Carr (o.g.))
LINCOLN (0) 0 4,771

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Cooke, Gynn)
CREWE (0) 1 (Bowers) 3,743

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Sproson)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Phillips) 2,371

ROCHDALE (1) 3 (Taylor, Hilditch, Jones)
YORK (0) 2 (McDonald 2 (1 pen)) 1,651

TORQUAY (0) 0
HEREFORD (0) 1 (McGrellis) 1,865

WIGAN (1) 2 (Hutchinson, Quinn)
STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Bradd) 3,980

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (2) 3 (McGhee 2, McCall)
AIRDRIE (0) 0 6,000
 Aberdeen: Leighton, Kenny, Rougvie, Bell, McLeish, Miller, Simpson, McCall, McGhee, Angus (Jarvie), Hewitt.
 Airdrie: Martin, Cairney (Thompson), Rodger, Erwin, Anderson (G), McCluskey, Flood, Clark (McCaffery), Anderson (N), McKeown, McGuire.

HEARTS (1) 1 (Maxwell)
ST MIRREN (1) 2 (McDougall, Logan) 2,000
 Hearts: Brough, Denny, Shields, More, Liddell (F), Hamill, Maxwell, Robertson, Liddell (G), O'Brien, Kidd.
 St Mirren: Thomson, Young, McAveety, Copland, Fulton, Abercrombie, Bone, Stark, Somner (Logan), McDougall, Richardson.

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
PARTICK (1) 1 (Clark) 1,250
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch, McLean, Cockburn (Robin), Bourke, Eadie, Bryce (Cramond), Clark, Armstrong, McDicken, McCreadie, Mauchlen.
 Partick: Rough, Welsh, Whittaker, Campbell, Anderson, Doyle, Park (McDonald), Jardine, Higgins, O'Hara, Clark.

MORTON (2) 2 (Busby, Tolmie)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0 3,000
 Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, Cochran, Busby, Thomson (McNab), Tolmie, Ritchie (Houston).
 Dundee United: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip, Stark, (Pettigrew), Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood (Addison), Sturrock, Dods.

RANGERS (0) 0
CELTIC (0) 1 (Nicholas) 34,000
 Rangers: Stewart, Miller, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, Bett (MacDonald), McLean, Russell, McAdam, Redford, Johnston (Jardine).
 Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, McLeod, MacDonald, McAdam, Aitken, Provan, Conroy, McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas.

Scottish First

DUMBARTON (0) 2 (Brown, Gallagher)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Jenkins) 350

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Geddes)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0 4,771

E. STIRLING (1) 2 (Lamont, Ashwood)
ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 2 (McCoist, Brogan) 2,000

HAMILTON (0) 1 (Alexander)
MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Soutar, Cleland) 850

HIBS (1) 2 (Murray, Callaghan)
RAITH (0) 0 8,701

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1



The ball is lodged between two players. Should you (a) award a free-kick to the defending player, (b) take no action or (c) drop the ball?

2

You award a goal and a defender kicks the ball in disgust into his own goal. Instead of cautioning the player can you award a second goal?



3

You are about to drop the ball inside the penalty-area when you see a defender strike an opponent. After dismissing the defender should you restart with (a) a drop ball, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) a penalty-kick?



4

At half-time, a player uses foul language to a linesman as they are leaving the field. Should you (a) take no action, (b) warn the player or (c) dismiss him from the match?



5

At a throw-in an opponent stands less than five yards from the thrower. Should you (a) take no action, (b) caution him and award a free-kick or (c) order the opponent to move ten yards away?



ANSWERS:

1. Drop the ball (c). In the recent F.A. Cup Semi-Final between Spurs and Wolves a similar incident happened. Tottenham's Steve Archibald and George Berry of Wolves were both trying to get to the ball. I blew my whistle to stop play because I was afraid one of them would receive an injury and then dropped the ball. 2. No. 3. A drop ball (a). 4. Dismiss him from the match (c). 5. Take no action (a).

YOUNG men almost half his age groan at the agony of Ruud Krol's training stints in Naples. At 32, he has the lean, hungry look which was first noticed in the colourful vehicle Ajax Amsterdam drove to three successive European Cup wins.

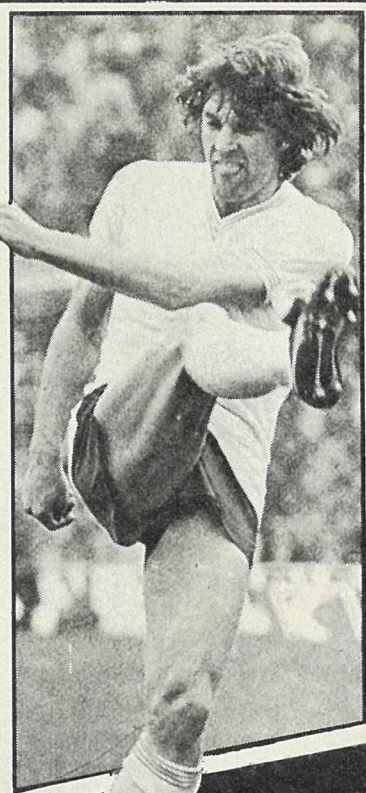
Krol, the Dutch captain, has almost 80 caps for Holland, two European Cup winners' medals, a pile of Dutch League and Cup awards, plus the experience which makes him so formidable an opponent.

His departure from Ajax two years ago — "I should have left two years before that" — took him across the North Atlantic to Vancouver Whitecaps.

"A splendid city, but I went to North American football too early. I was so keen to leave Ajax, for they were a club of promises and little else. Always they promised to build another great side. But at the end of each season, the best players were sold.

"No coach has had the chance to build a fine young side at Ajax. The board decide the policy, and that is to sell the best people."

Krol, forever the competitor, arrived in American soccer like a beached whale. His return to Europe became inevitable and Napoli hired him to guide their young side.



KROL'S A BRADY FAN

The result has been astonishing. Apart from Krol, Napoli have no one with the reputation or experience of Italy's leading stars.

Yet Napoli stand just behind leaders Juventus in the Italian League Championship race.

"Italian football is competitive, it is what I like," he says. "Of course, it has a reputation for being dirty but I have found that to be false. It is no harder or dirtier than anywhere else.

'Marvellous'

"There are stronger markers and they do their job very well. But it has the pressure which I missed so much in the United States. Also, for a soccer player, Naples is a marvellous town. Everywhere there is interest and discussion; it reminds me of the Netherlands when Dutch football was great 11 years ago."

While the ailing Dutch game stands as a stark warning to its British counterpart, Napoli draw 60,000 for ordinary games, and 90,000 for the really big matches. "Of course, it is fantastic for the players," says Krol.

"I should have come here earlier. The Ajax club never tried to get a good base for the future, yet they asked me to stay and help them build a new team. I wasted my time there."

Krol has made an immense contribution to Napoli's cause this

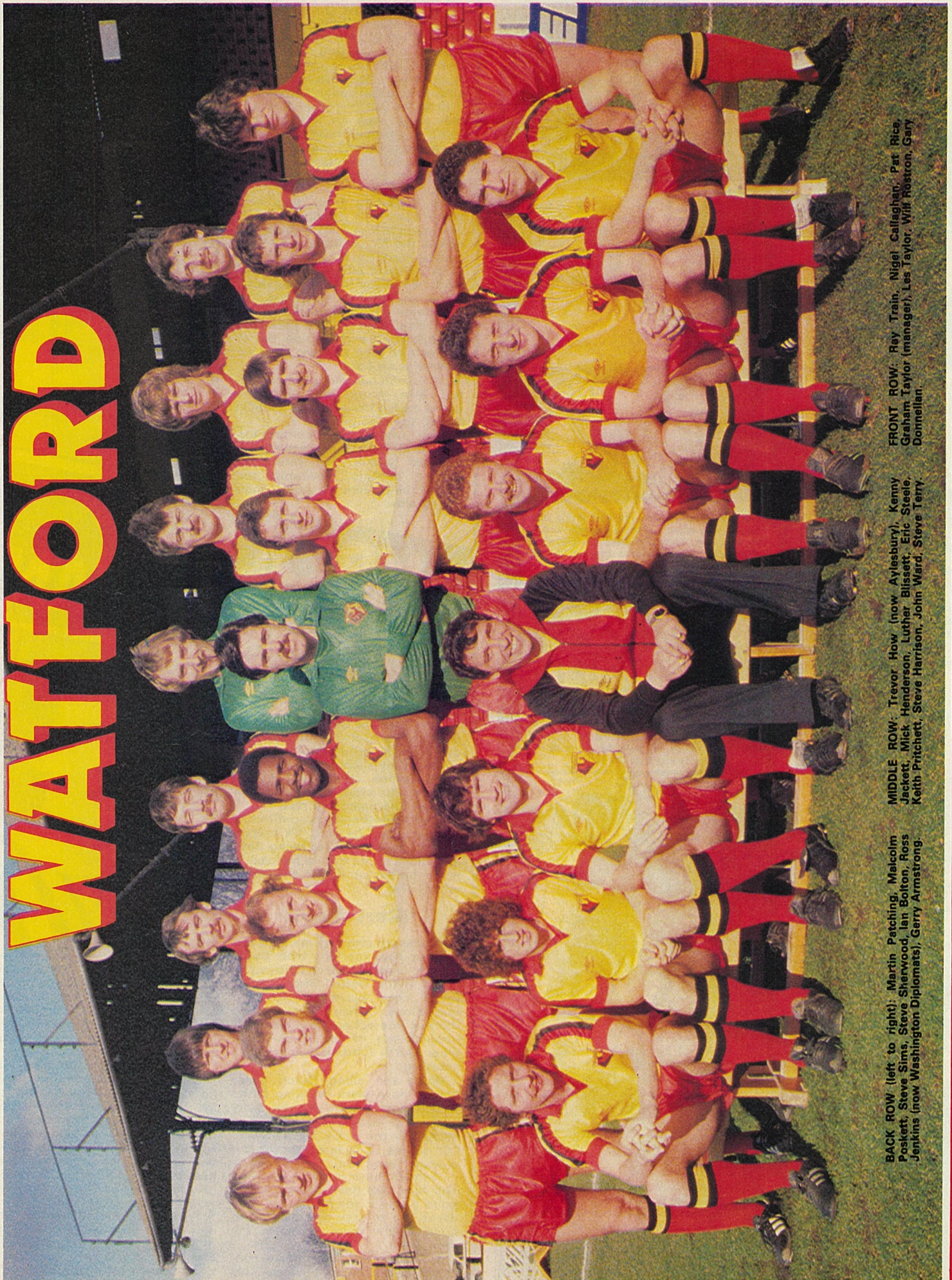


season. But Krol, as friendly, likeable and highly articulate off the field as he is committed, classy and influential upon it, prefers not to discuss his own contribution, but that of another foreign recruit to Italian football.

"Do not underestimate Liam Brady's influence upon Juventus," he says. "Brady does a good job for the Turin club. When he first played, he had much criticism but I do not believe that was justified. His style was not familiar to Italian critics, so he was criticised because they did not understand. I saw him play and he was playing well from the start.

"When we met Juventus, one newspaper attacked him. Yet I felt he was the best player on the field. Make no mistake, he has had a good season for Juventus."

WATFORD

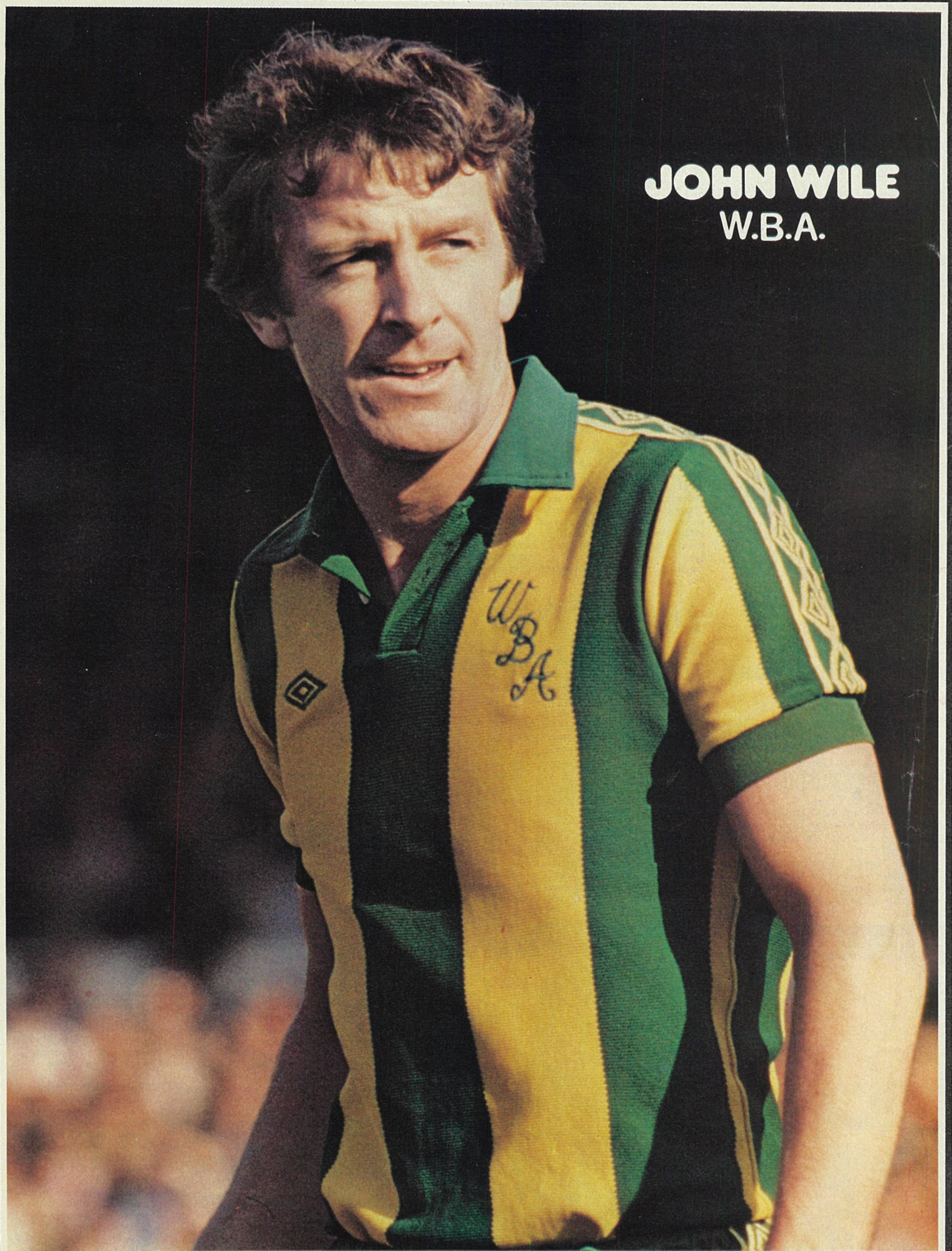


BACK ROW (left to right): Martin Patching, Malcolm Poskett, Steve Sims, Steve Sherwood, Ian Bolton, Ross Jenkins (now Washington Diplomats), Gerry Armstrong.

MIDDLE ROW: Trevor How (now Aylesbury), Kenny Jackett, Mick Henderson, Luther Blissett, Eric Steele, Keith Pritchett, Steve Harrison, John Ward, Steve Terry.

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HOUSEMAN'S LAST CHANCE

TO SAY that Rene Houseman is the South American George Best is almost an insult to two different individuals. But it gives you some idea of the sort of character we're dealing with.

A super-talented striker who led his club, Huracan, to the top with sensational attacking football.

A wonder-boy who was an international star at 17... and then went off the rails.

Absences from training sessions; failure to turn up for matches; rows; night-clubs; drink; punch-ups... Little by little, Houseman's supreme soccer talents have been trickling down the drain.

Even his 'godfather' Menotti, who stood by him when he selected his 1978 World Champion side, has been obliged to drop him from the national team.

At 27, Rene Houseman, super-star of the 1974 World Cup, looked to be finished.

Or is he? Suddenly, River Plate snapped him up on a year's loan from

Huracan, with an option to sign him outright if he produces the goods.

For Houseman, this is his last chance... This is his last chance...

"Yes, this is the key moment in my career. If I don't make it back to the top now, I can only hope to continue playing in the Third Division. I've promised to change my ways several times before, but I've never made it. So this time I'm promising nothing. I'm just going to get on with it.

'Challenge'

"I'm doing a lot of running, and I've got to lose about seven pounds. I'm doing press-ups as well — something I hadn't done since the 1978 World Cup! This is a challenge, and I'm determined that River will decide to sign me after this spell on trial.

"You know why I started to go downhill? Because I was just too confident about my own ability. I was convinced I could play brilliantly every Sunday no matter what I'd been doing all week. I could drink and smoke and do anything I liked, and I'd

still be able to turn it on during the match.

"I suppose I did that for two years — '73 and '74. Then I began to find I couldn't do it on Sundays. When I started skipping training sessions... well, that clinched it.

"I suppose I've learnt a few things over the years. I used to do some stupid and irresponsible things — like pretending I was injured halfway through a match so that one of the youngsters on the subs' bench could come on and get his match bonus.

"I used to think they needed the cash more than me, but I see now that it wasn't really very professional.

"As for the future, well, that's in my hands. There are a lot of good players at River. And I mean a lot.

"Daniel Passarella, Beto Tarantini and Mostaza Merlo are doing their best to encourage me and make me feel at home, and my first aim is to compete with Pedro Gonzalez for a place in the first team.

"As for the national team... well, I've got to get back my speed and stamina. I haven't lost my skills."



AJAX PROBLEM

FRANK ARNESEN the Danish international who moves from Ajax to Valencia in the summer and pockets his own transfer fee, is creating problems for Ajax, who are getting the same demand for a freedom clause by their other Danish star Soren Lerby.

He is prepared to re-sign for two more years, if, like Arnesen he will then be free to negotiate his own transfer on a 'free' at the end of the 1982-83 season.

Ajax, however, are reluctant to lose him without a compensating fee and having lost a small fortune with the move of Arnesen.

One more year for Bettenga

ROBERTO BETTEGA has decided to retire from the game after the next World Cup, but this season with Juventus he has linked very well with Liam Brady and with good performances from several young players is helping The Zebras in their bid to win the title.

Manager Giovanni Trapattoni has blooded a string of young players this season, all from the Juve youth squad or signed for nominal fees.

Pierino Fanna, Domenico Marocchino and Claudio Prandelli are all regulars now, with Vinicio Verza, Carlo Osi and Sergio Brio all doing well when called up to the first-team.

THE West German F.A. has introduced an interesting innovation in having a three metre line painted across in front of the trainers benches at all Bundesliga I and II grounds, when the groundsman mark out the pitch.

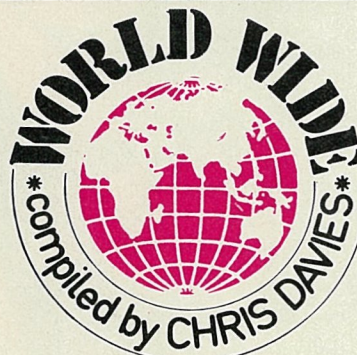
Any player or official who crosses this line without the referee's permission is called before the disciplinary committee and three trainers this season, all from Bundesliga I, have been warned they will be barred from the bench if they are reported for crossing the line again.

LOAD OF BULL

MORE uproar in Spain, where Sevilla have made a formal protest about the F.A.'s decision to reverse the order of their Cup games against Real Sociedad.

The decision means that the game will clash with one of the year's major bullfights in Seville, and the authorities' only justification for reversing the fixtures is that "Athletic Bilbao had been drawn at home and if Real Sociedad had also played at home it would have produced a local fixture clash." But Bilbao and San Sebastian are 75 miles apart!

REAL MADRID's international winger Juanito made a lightning trip to Jerez recently to attend the launching of a new brand of sherry named after him. He was informed that Juanito sherry is pale and very dry!



HSV's new boss

GUNTER NETZER has confirmed that former Austrian international Ernst Happel, coach of Standard-Liege, has signed to take over Hamburger SV in July. His replacement with Standard will be Raymond Goethals, who was in charge of Belgium's unsuccessful attempts to qualify for the World Cups of 1974 and 1978 when they were eliminated by Holland each time with the Dutch going on to reach the Final.

Garrincha's new job

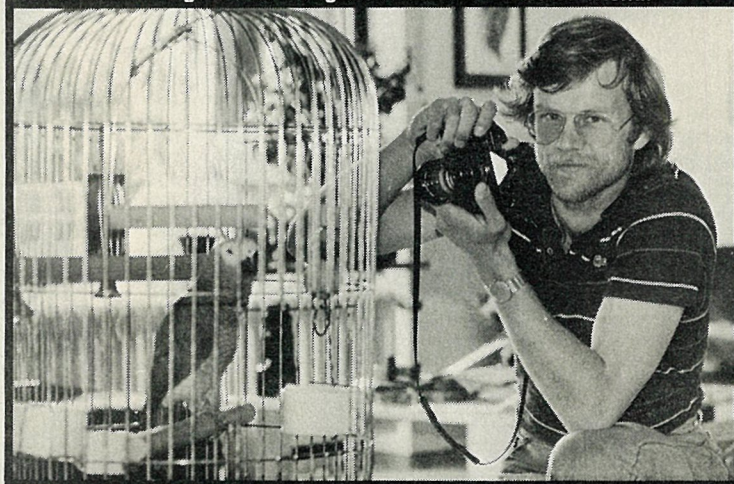
GARRINCHA, Brazil's former World Cup winger, is living rent free in a brand new two-storey house with garage and garden provided by the Brazilian F.A. Garrincha is working in the Brazilian Legion of Assistance, an organisation that provides for orphans.

His job is teaching football to youngsters, together with six other ex-football professionals. They look after 30 teams made up of youngsters between the ages of 10 to 18.

Those who show promise are placed with professional clubs, who then become responsible for the boys.

One such success is Edevaldo, Brazil's current right-back. Garrincha, the father of 13 children, is now a grandfather (at 47 years of age) five times and has recently adopted a five-year-old boy Wendel, for whom he has great hopes as a striker!

● I've heard of players being as sick as a parrot, but Bayern Munich's Udo Horsmann gets a new angle on soccer's feathered friend.



News flashes

● Although they have not yet qualified for the World Cup Finals, the West German players have already presented their prize money demands for the Finals. If they win, they want their F.A. to pay them each US\$35,000 (£16,000 approximately), US\$10,000 for being runners up or third placed. They also demand a special payment for being considered amongst the top ten of the competition.

● AEK Athens and Greek international star Christos Arizoglou has been suspended for six months after being found in his

hotel room with two girls before the recent World Cup match against Luxembourg. His wife has also petitioned for divorce and is claiming the family home and half his future income.

● With only 16 First Division clubs in Italy, seven of them have changed their manager-coach at least once this season. Udinese top the list with three bosses so far.

● Olympique Marseille, one of the big French clubs temporarily in Division Two, have had an appeal to the F.A. for financial aid turned down. F.A. chairman Jean Sadoul, announcing the decision, said that O.M. had spent

far too much on new building works and offered their players far more than they could hope to recoup from gate receipts in Division Two. Having got into financial difficulties of their own making they now had to get out of them... by their own efforts.

● Sachsenring Zwickau, bottom of the First Division in East Germany with only two wins from 15 League games, showed they had not lost their spirit and enthusiasm when beating Stahl Riesa 5-1. Heroes for Zwickau were 93-times capped goalkeeper Jurgen Croy (East Germany's most-capped player of all time) and 22-year-old Hans-Uwe Pilz, who scored a hat-trick.

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Aston Villa and Ipswich have been outstanding at the head of the First Division this season.

This week's Star Letter comes from M. Morris of Sheffield, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

NOT MUCH WRONG WITH OUR FOOTBALL

IS OUR football really as bad as we're led to believe? I don't think so! I read in World Wide about Johan Cruyff — the number one soccer mercenary who is once again hawking himself around for the highest bidder. I'm sure he'd play rugby if the money was right. Then there was the Uruguayan Champions punching anything that moved in the Far East. Just underneath — there were near riots in a German match, a bribing chairman from Cadiz, and a friendly in Argentina which was called off before the kick-off because the terraces were still empty. In the First Division this season we have had two great teams battling for the title — Ipswich and Villa. Liverpool and Ipswich have reminded Europe that we shouldn't be judged on Ron Greenwood's team and some great kids are coming through. There's not much wrong with our game when Liverpool have to battle to finish in the top five.

● The Football League is the strongest in the world, but England fans also want the best national team. I don't think you can have both. We play at the expense of international soccer, with so many club commitments.

In safe hands

I WOULD like to show my appreciation to Newcastle Utd and the police. They have certainly found the way to stop hooliganism.

I attended the game versus Blackburn Rovers. From the moment we got off the coach we knew we were in safe hands.

They gave us a police escort to the ground which was only about 70 yards away.

Then they stood around, telling Newcastle fans to find another way round to their part of the ground.

After the game they kept us in the ground for ten minutes. Then they gave us a police escort back to the coaches and an escort out of Newcastle.

MARK BIBBY,
GT. HARWOOD.

● Well done the police — but what a sad comment on our game when such measures are necessary.

False praise

I HOPE no English club wins a European tournament this year for the simple reason that for weeks, months or years after we will hear about how well they played, and all the usual flattery.

One example is the 1966 World Cup. That win is still talked about by the English 15 years on.

When we won the British Champion-

ship the English brushed over it and tried to pretend it didn't happen.

Comments like "we must congratulate the Irish," and "they must be happy because they have not won this Championship in so many years" were not real congratulations.

So please explain why do the English give themselves so much self-praise?

I. STEVENSON,
MAGHERA.

● You seem to have a giant sized chip on your shoulder. Every country that wins the World Cup talks about it — and why not? Wouldn't Northern Ireland? If you read the English Press you'll find the self-praise is usually self-criticism.

Unfair to Hurst

I WAS sickened at Chelsea's decision to sack their manager Geoff Hurst.

It's not Geoff's fault that Chelsea aren't successful; it is due to the financial insecurity of the club, which has meant that the club hasn't been able to buy the players it so desperately needs.

Under the circumstances Geoff has done remarkably well.

I think if the Chelsea board had just been patient, results would soon come their way.

As it is, Geoff will be seen as a failure and someone else will take the credit for his hard work.

ALISTAIR JANUSCH,
WINDSOR.

● Hurst spent half a million pounds on three strikers — Colin Lee, Alan Mayes

and Phil Driver. They have the worst goalscoring record in the League this year. Hurst paid the inevitable price.

Ban correct

FULL MARKS to the Scottish supporters' clubs for the effort that they put in to gain tickets for Wembley. But the English F.A.'s case was unchallengeable.

They were discriminating against the hooligans who make life a misery for Londoners every other year. They certainly were not discriminating against the Scots.

It is the hooligans who were unable to discriminate between civilised and uncivilised behaviour.

The English F.A. see it that way, the Scottish F.A. see it that way, and the Judge saw it that way. And with great reluctance, so do I.

As a result all Scots, good and bad alike, have to suffer.

S. MCNAUGHTON,
ABERDEEN.

● Despite the ticket ban, I still fear there will be a lot of trouble when the game is played.

We'll be there

I THINK that the English F.A.'s decision to ban Scots from Wembley was about the worst thing they could have done to prevent trouble.

The Scots will be there, tickets or no tickets, so they might as well get some as there is less chance of trouble.

It's better to have the Scots inside the ground than rioting outside because they have no tickets.

I would ban the Wembley fixture altogether and have the England-Scotland match played at Hampden every year, where there is no chance of trouble because of the lack of Englishmen.

IAN STEWART,
INVERNESS.

● You win my prize for the Most Twisted Logic of the Season.



Paisley the greatest

SURELY Bob Paisley has proved himself the greatest manager Britain has ever seen. The magnificent League Cup victory over West Ham meant Liverpool had won every major trophy there is to win.

Nobody has given a club better service than Bob Paisley. The success achieved while Paisley has been with Liverpool is staggering.

One never reads in the Press of Mr Paisley criticising other managers or players unfairly. In a game with a lot of greedy people, hangers-on and unscrupulous individuals, Mr Paisley stands for all that's decent in British football.

One wonders whether Liverpool's amazing record of European involvement and trophy winning will come to an end when Bob Paisley retires.

How can anybody ever follow Paisley? His success has been even greater than the legendary Bill Shankly's.

JOHN FORSTER,
DENTON BURN.

● Few people thought anyone could follow Shanks...

ASK THE EXPERT

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Seven-goal loser

Who was the player who once scored six goals in an F.A. Cup-tie, and still ended-up on the losing side?

JONATHAN COHEN,
CHEADEL

● No less than Denis Law — "The King" — was the unfortunate chap, Jonathan.

What happened was that, on a pouring wet Saturday afternoon at Luton on 20th January, 1961, Manchester City were leading 6-2 — with all City's goals coming from a brilliant display from Law — when the referee had no option but to call it off after 69 minutes when the ground was waterlogged.

Then, when the tie was started all over again the following Wednesday, Luton upset the form-book by winning 3-1.

Again, Law was City's scorer — so, all in all, he really ended as an incredible seven-goal loser!

Tony Machedo

Can you help my father recall the goalkeeper with an Italian name he used to watch playing for Fulham in the late 1950's and early 1960's?

DECLAN HEALY,
LUTON

● He came from Gibraltar, not Italy, Declan — and his name was Tony Machedo.

He was a prominent member of the very talented Fulham side which won promotion to the First Division in 1958-59 — his team-mates then including the likes of Johnny Haynes, Roy Bentley, George Cohen, Alan Mullery, and Jimmy Hill — and was number one choice in goal for the best part of a decade after that.

Machedo played ten times for England's Under-23 team — but then, as now, there was a lot of top goalkeeping talent around, and he was amongst the unlucky ones who failed to go on to a full cap.

Home-and-away

Has the F.A. Cup ever been played on a two-legged, home-and-away basis — like the big modern European competitions?

KAYODE ADENIRAN,
NIGERIA

● Yes, Kayode, it has been played that way — just once.

That was in 1945-46, the first Cup season after the end of World War Two, when the competition was staged on a home-and-away aggregate basis up to the Semi-Finals. The experiment wasn't a success, and has never been repeated.

Derby won the Cup that season — beating Charlton 4-1 in the Final — and had the satisfaction of having been undefeated throughout the competition.

Opponents Charlton, on the other hand, had already lost one leg (though, of course, winning on aggregate over the two) against Fulham back in the Third Round.

No. 2 in our fascinating series in which top stars talk about their specialised roles and other players they most admire.

MANCHESTER City's Bobby McDonald is setting the scene for the shape of things to come.

For City's hotshot defender reckons that a new breed of super defender is about to make a big impact on football.

"The days of the full-back containing and tackling and nothing else are over. Today's defender is a new breed," he said.

"The modern defender is powerful, skilful, fast and a good header of the ball as well as retaining his tackling ability.

"He goes upfield more and is not afraid to try and score."

Until now the defender had the image of being bulky, slow and anything but glamorous. His job

was to stamp out an attack and get the ball as far away from his own goal as possible.

GO FOR GOALS

But today's defender has to have the ability to capitalise on a decisive tackle and turn a defensive triumph into a scoring chance.

The out and out defender is on his way out.

If a defender scored a goal a season in past years it was remarkable, but City's Bobby dazzler crashed in seven in nearly as many games.

"But whether a defender gets to do that all the time is up to the boss. Luckily John Bond encourages me to go for goal.

"When I first came to City I was

sitting back and playing as a defender should. But John Bond brought out that sparkle in me and I started to go forward. I like going up, but I don't think I would like it to be a permanent job.

"I feel at home at the back, but the modern defender has to be flexible. Almost all my professional career has been spent at the back, except for a short spell in midfield at Aston Villa, but my taste for goal has really come out at City."

Bobby gets his greatest satisfaction when things go smoothly. Joining up play in a smooth flow, being part of the build up when it all "clicks" all adds to the fulfilment.

Most spectators expect a defender to stay at the back and act like a human brick wall — with no way through.

DUAL ROLE

"But defenders nowadays see a lot of the pitch and get involved in all sorts of situations.

"Sometimes he acts as a winger, sometimes a midfielder. But he needs an awareness and

sharpness for situations."

The technicalities of keeping the ball out are much more subtle than the nature of the job suggests.

"So many people think it's so much easier to destroy than create. But there's much more to it than that."

If a player comes to the McDonald patch, Bobby works out what needs to be done.

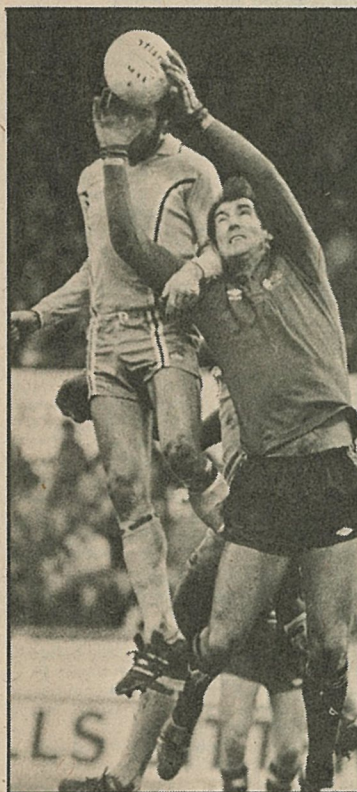
"I try to contain him as long as possible until the rest of the lads are back to help me out. I try to make him lose his cool, then I'm in and away.

"You need to be as fast as a winger. They often try you out early on to see if you can stay with them. If you can then they have to use their skill, then it is easier to get the ball off them. If a winger can do it the easy way, by kicking the ball and running, then he'll do it.

"When a winger is trying to get a cross in from the right I'll try to stop him there. But if he's coming in from the left then I'll put myself between him and the far post, but not in the keeper's way.

The new breed of

by BOBBY McDONALD



Forest's Kenny Burns (left) is Bobby McDonald's top defender, and he rates his Manchester City team-mate Joe Corrigan (above) as one of the best goalkeepers around.

"You have to stay near the goal when it comes over, then you have time to make your mind up. Whatever the situation though, if I can get it clear safely I will.

"It's the same for free-kicks. I try to stand near the penalty spot, but no farther out, and not too close to the 'keeper."

BATTLE OF WITS

Bobby often finds himself in the one-to-one situation.

"The first thing is to get as close to the attacker as possible and restrict his movements. Keep your eye on the ball, not on the man, and every now and again make little rushes at him to see what he'll do and try to make him lose his cool. Once you are with him it's a battle of wits.

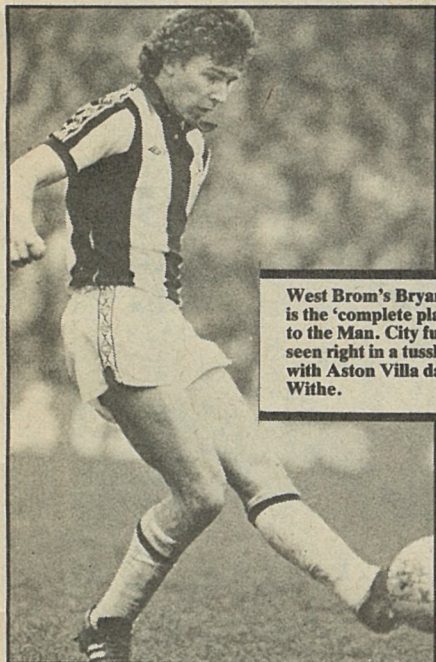
"I normally decide when to go in by watching him, and then, when I know there's some support with me, I'm perfectly balanced and I know what he's going to do, I'll go for the ball.

"There are no rules to deal with different types of player. It's just you and him."

A defender in Bobby's role often needs to be the fittest man on the field.

He has to run the length of the pitch to halt an attack that has sprung from his own team's near miss at the other end.

"I have to be able to recover from exhaustion as quickly as possible. That sort of fitness can



West Brom's Bryan Robson (left) is the 'complete player' according to the Man. City full-back, who is seen right in a tussle for possession with Aston Villa dangerman Peter Withe.



don't be pushed into it. You need a lot of skill and commitment.

"As for practise, get a friend to go down to the pitch with you. Then get him to run at you, jockey him, try to get the ball off him, examine how to get the ball off him.

"If you have a weak point, keep working on your problem until it has been rectified.

"Size doesn't matter."

Bobby McDonald may only be 5 feet 9 inches tall, but he walks tall once he's on that pitch.

defenders

Manchester City

win games."

When Bobby goes goal hunting, the man he rates as the biggest problem between the posts is Peter Shilton.

"He's got his angles right and he knows where to put defenders. He's agile, and very hard to beat, either with a shot or by going straight at him.

BURNS BEST

"But our own Joe Corrigan has pulled off some phenomenal saves, both in games and in training. There really is very little to choose between the top few men."

Top rival in the defender stakes is Kenny Burns.

"He has the all round attributes every defender needs. He's not fast but he makes up for it in everything else. He's aggressive, and has tremendous awareness. I don't think I need look any further for a good defender.

"But overall, in Division One at least, it is very competitive. All the defenders are good. The style for a defender today is to move forward, and we all do it."

Best midfield man is West Brom's Bryan Robson.

"He's the complete player. He has vision, planning, tackling ability, and as well as scoring he can help out at the back.

"Overall he's a very complete and compact player. He's the sort I would like to play alongside."

Andy Gray and Peter Withe are his top marksmen.

"They are very similar. They are both extremely good players. They have a fantastic ability to be able to set up other players: knocking down high balls and so on.

"Andy is the dashing centre-forward whereas Peter is the man with an eye for a chance. He shields well and supplies the rest of the team with some cracking balls.

"Paul Mariner, although I don't know too much about him, is very impressive for such a big man."

Biggest problems in the McDonald book of wingers are Peter Barnes, Tony Morley and John Robertson.

"All the top teams have fantastic wingers with the ability to pass a full-back. There aren't so many wingers nowadays, especially in the bottom half of the table. More and more 'wingers' are now playing in midfield, occasionally going wide. Steve Coppell is a perfect example of this."

EXPERT ADVICE

And if the youngsters want to end up in Bobby's boots he has some sound advice: "Don't forsake your education, always make sure there's something to fall back on in case football isn't your game.

"You've got to enjoy the role,



NEXT WEEK: Manchester United and Scotland striker Joe Jordan talks about his job.

IN OUR 14TH FEBRUARY ISSUE, WE FEATURED THE GREAT EVERTON REVIVAL. SINCE THEN THE FAMOUS MERSEYSIDERS HAVE SLUMPED DISASTROUSLY. NOW ASA HARTFORD REVEALS THE REASONS FOR THE . . .

EVERTON midfield general Asa Hartford knows that just six minutes separated manager Gordon Lee from glory and the possibility of the sack.

For in that time, Manchester City scored their equalising goal in the F.A. Cup Quarter-Final at Goodison to force the replay which eventually sent them to Wembley last week.

"If we'd held on for those six minutes, Gordon Lee could be a hero on Merseyside right now," Hartford reflects.

Instead, Lee's position as Everton manager is in jeopardy following a run of just five League points from their final 12 games.

The situation is almost identical to last season. Then, Everton, having lost in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final, only just managed to avoid relegation.

"Losing to City really affected morale," Hartford admits. "After beating Arsenal, Liverpool and Southampton, we were convinced we would be going to Wembley this year."

One question which keeps repeating itself is how could Everton beat such formidable opposition in the Cup yet lose at home in the League to teams such as Norwich and Stoke?

"We played a totally different game," Hartford explained. "In the Cup matches there was an incredible atmosphere, and that lifted all the players.

'Slumped'

"We never allowed the opposition to settle on the ball, but it's just not possible to play that way in League games.

"The crowds have slumped, and for three consecutive home games we drew the lowest League gate at Goodison since the War.

"But I'm not blaming the fans. We have to motivate ourselves, and that's something we didn't do after our Cup defeat.

"The main reason for our decline was our inability to adapt our free-flowing style when the pitches became heavier.

"It's not really much of an excuse, because we must learn to perform on all types of surface, but the mud and snow certainly caused us problems."

Ironically, the form of Hartford during Everton's crisis season was so impressive that Scotland boss Jock Stein gave him a long overdue recall to the international side for the recent 3-1 World Cup victory over Israel.

"That was one of the few high spots of an otherwise very disappointing season for me," he says.

"Playing in the World Cup Finals means a lot to me, and I'm delighted to know I'm back in the international reckoning.

"The other encouraging factor

GREAT GOODISON DECLINE

to emerge out of the season was the way youngsters such as Steve McMahon, Kevin Ratcliffe and Paul Lodge came into the side and performed.

"They will be much better players for the experience they've gained, and now they've staked a claim for a regular place, they won't want to give it up."

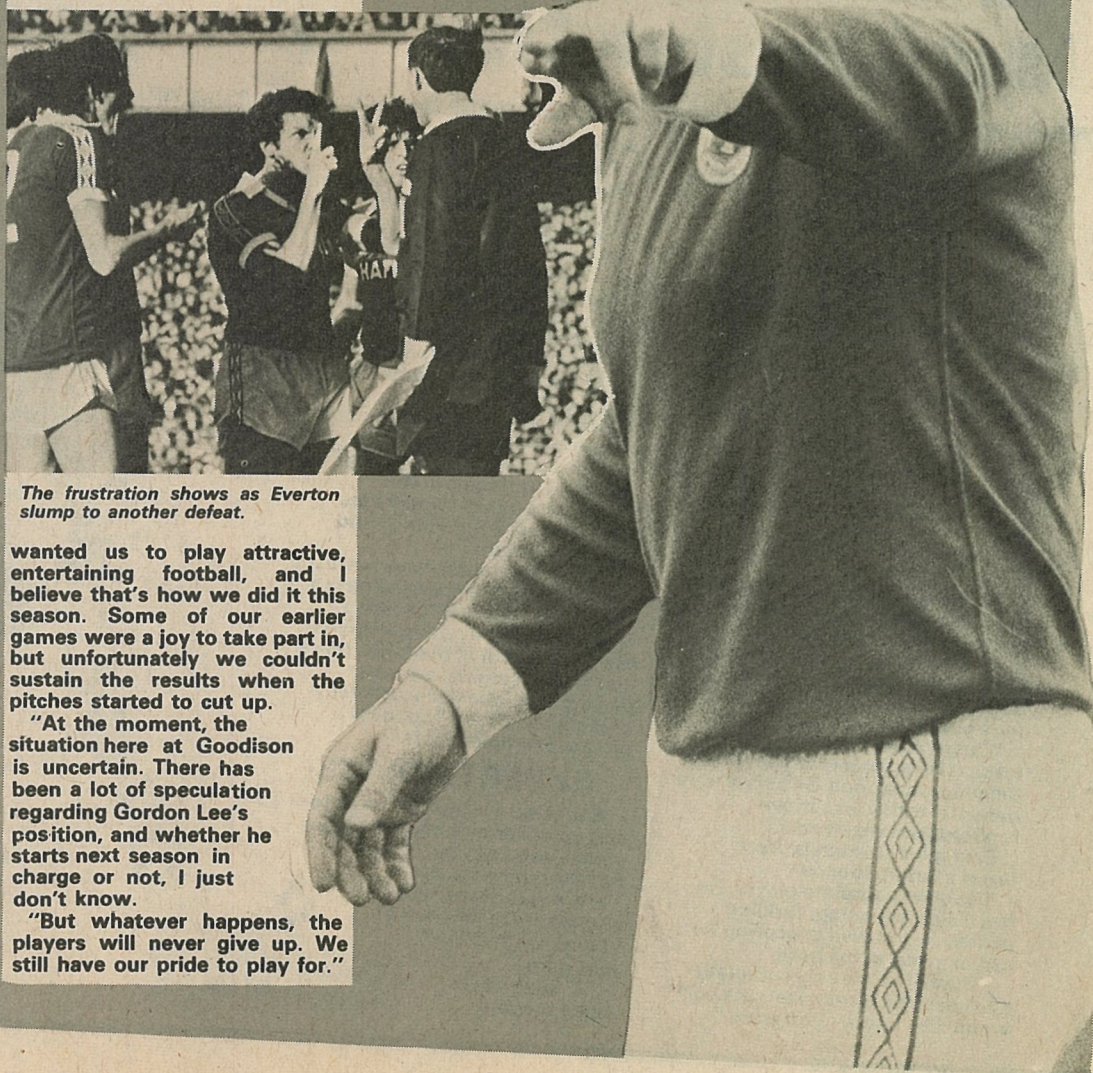
But what does the future hold for Everton, for so long a team who have promised so much yet achieved so little?

"I know it may sound daft considering our final League position, but we have got to aim for the Championship.

"That is the ultimate test for any team. People have said that Gordon Lee's priority was to gain Cup Final glory, but they were misjudging him.

"Gordon judged the team by our League position, and he worked hard to improve that.

"Gordon has always preached good football to us — he has



The frustration shows as Everton slump to another defeat.

wanted us to play attractive, entertaining football, and I believe that's how we did it this season. Some of our earlier games were a joy to take part in, but unfortunately we couldn't sustain the results when the pitches started to cut up.

"At the moment, the situation here at Goodison is uncertain. There has been a lot of speculation regarding Gordon Lee's position, and whether he starts next season in charge or not, I just don't know.

"But whatever happens, the players will never give up. We still have our pride to play for."

'I don't want to leave Forest yet'

declares skipper John McGovern



JOHN McGovern is far from ready to figure in the break-up of the European Champions he has captained in Munich and Madrid.

There's been considerable evidence this season that Brian Clough and Peter Taylor are dismembering the side that has brought more silverware to Nottingham Forest in three years than they have known in the club's 115-year history.

This last nine months alone has seen the departure of Garry Birtles, Ian Bowyer, Martin O'Neill and Larry Lloyd, who, in their own way, have been cornerstones of Forest's achievements.

And the question has been asked on Trentside: "Who is next?"

McGovern recognises that if a large proportion of Forest followers had their way it would be him. But he's got ideas of his own, having recovered from an injury

that he describes as the worst in his 15 years in the game.

He argues: "I'm certainly out to prove that I can carry on for some time yet. I've got two years of a contract to run at Forest and when that is up, I only hope I'll be playing well enough to deserve another one."

"Nobody is sure of their place at Forest and while I've been out injured, young lads have been given their chance and done remarkably well. With Ian Bowyer and Martin O'Neill leaving, the youngsters had to be thrown in but they have responded magnificently."

Gary Mills, who has risen to the England Under-21 ranks, Colin Walsh and Stuart Gray have made a major impression, but if McGovern needed confirmation of the esteem with which he is still held by management, he got it even before he was fit.

He had spent two months striv-

ing to recover from a recurring calf injury when he was selected to play against Liverpool, and as Brian Clough pointed out: "I knew he wasn't ready but we needed some stability in the side ... the kind he provides."

"When I was at Leeds I once said to Eddie Gray that they used to shoot horses with his kind of injuries. Since then he's carried on playing for years ... and I'm delighted for him."

"John McGovern has reached that stage of his career but he's fit enough to carry on for some time yet."

McGovern, whose awareness and unselfish support work in midfield has rarely been appreciated, knows that he's not been the most popular figure at the City Ground throughout the years of ascendancy.

'Understand'

He admits: "There's about 95 per cent of the crowd who would like to see me out of the side, but there's 95 per cent who don't understand the job that I'm trying to do in the side."

"I was getting so much stick earlier in the season when I admit I wasn't playing well and deserved to be dropped. But when I got back in again I thought I was doing all right."

"I felt as though I was playing as well as I could and it's my own belief in myself that keeps me going when people decide to have a go."

"I'm used to it now, of course, but at the same time I don't mind admitting that it would be a lot better if I heard a few words of encouragement occasionally."

McGovern now has three League Champions' medals, two League Cup winners' and a pair of European Cup mementoes, and you don't achieve that much in the game if you're not a top class player. The Forest fans might not admit it, but loyal John McGovern has been the key to their recent success.

They said it...

"People tell me to go out and buy players. Well, Manchester United did just that and they're getting crucified for it. It's easy to be critical with the benefit of hindsight." Liverpool boss Bob Paisley.

"The other day I got to training about 10.15 and I suddenly thought 'What are you doing here? It's ticking over nicely without you.' Then I thought 'That's because you're a good manager.' So I called the players together for ten minutes, congratulated them and walked off." Grimsby Town's George Kerr.

"I used to read Brian Clough's comments about me, but I never worried much as I was always on the team-sheet for the next game. I did draw the line when it started to affect my family. My son couldn't understand why the other kids were asking him why Cloughie was saying such things about me." Aston Villa's Peter Withe.

"If you keep your mouth shut everyone thinks you're stupid — then, if you open it, you prove you are." Wolves' John Barnwell on management.



"Why Liverpool should have been interested in me I haven't a clue, with the players they have. There's no way I'd class myself alongside their superstars." Craig Johnston (above).

"He scored both goals in our World Cup win in Albania, and without doubt Bernd Schuster gave a superb display and must be considered the most outstanding talent in West German football at the moment." West Germany manager Jupp Derwall.

"He must have done a lot of training on the plane, because he's been playing rubbish for us." Helenio Herrera, Schuster's manager at Barcelona.

"I've given up most of my medical work since I became President of Atlético Madrid, and now I only do a few autopsies in Alcalá de Henares. The autopsy I'd really like to do would be Helenio Herrera's. I'd do it with great care and delight..." Doctor Cabeza, Atlético Madrid's super-controversial president.

"They've now lost three consecutive matches out of four." Spanish TV commenting on Ipswich.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

BRITAIN IN EUROPE

Liverpool and Ipswich Town were involved in European Cup competition recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

1. Liverpool achieved a great result by going to Bayern Munich and grabbing a 1-1 draw to go through to the European Cup Final on the away-goals rule. Who was their goalscoring hero?
2. The former European Champions lost Kenny Dalglish in the first minutes of the game. Did manager Bob Paisley substitute him with Jimmy Case (below), Ian Rush or Howard Gayle?



3. What was the half-time score?
4. Ipswich reached their first ever European Final when they travelled to Cologne and won 1-0 in the UEFA Cup. Did Terry Butcher score

the winner with a shot or a header?

5. Was it in the first or second half of the game?

TRUE or FALSE?

1. West Ham's only home defeat during the 1980-81 season was a 2-1 reversal against Luton Town on the opening day of the season.
2. Celtic's Scottish Championship triumph recently was their 32nd.
3. Robbie Cooke finished 1980-81 as leading goalscorer for Wimbledon in the Fourth Division.
4. Falkirk play their home Scottish First Division games at Brockville Park.
5. In his second appearance for the England Under-21 side, Garry Thompson of Coventry scored his first goal against Rumania Under-21.

JUMBLED NICKNAMES

Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the nicknames of some of Britain's leading clubs.

1. HETWSOL (FFSDEELIHEEDDWYANS)
2. ETHTGSRIE (LLHUTCYI)
3. QSNEEU (ENQEUFOHTEUHOTS)
4. TTPSROE (TESOKTCYI)
5. HTERRAAEPDS (DDRAOFBYCTI)
6. TEHGSJA (TKPIARTTEILHS)
7. HTERRRWSAOI (EESSTHNMURIUO)
8. AARCSNEI (RHNCIOW)
9. TEHLLNVISA (TNAOSLLAIV)
10. HETRRSSEHPIM (UDSEONHTIDNTUE)

PICTURE PUZZLE



Study the action photograph, taken during a West Brom v. Middlesbrough clash in March, and see if you can answer the following questions?

1. Can you identify the West Brom player in the stripes?

2. And the Middlesbrough star on the left?
3. Middlesbrough won this First Division clash 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2?
4. Was the game played at Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough or The Hawthorns, West Bromwich?

TRACE-A TEAM

The names of 12 past or present Queen's Park Rangers players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally, and forwards or backwards. How many can you find?

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ANSWERS:

BRITAIN IN EUROPE. 1. Ray Kennedy. 2. Gayle. 3. 0-0. 4. Header. 5. Second half.

TRUE OR FALSE? 1. True. 2. True. 3. False — he was top scorer with Peterborough. 4. True. 5. False — it was his debut.

JUMBLED NICKNAMES. 1. The Owls (Sheffield Wednesday). 2. The Tigers (Hull City). 3. Queens (Queen of the South). 4. Poters (Stoke City). 5. The Paraders (Bradford City). 6. The Jags (Preston North End). 7. The Warriors (Stenhousemuir). 8. Canaries (Norwich). 9. The Villans (Aston Villa). 10. The Shrimpers (Southend United).

PICTURE PUZZLE. 1. Cyrille Regis. 2. Mark Fothergill. 3. 2-1. 4. Ayresome Park.

TRACE-A-TEAM. Hucker, Woods, Rogers, Gillard, Shanks, Howe, Wicks, Waddock, Currie, McCreery, Busby, Walsh.

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CELTIC A	11.40	11.40	13.35	15.90	15.90
SCOTLAND H/A	12.30	12.30	14.25	16.85	16.85
ABERDEEN		11.80	12.45	14.75	15.50
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LEICESTER CITY H	11.65	11.65	12.80	15.35	15.35

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TERRY McDermott is planning two more seasons at Liverpool before going to play abroad.

And despite the arrival of £600,000 Craig Johnston from Middlesbrough, McDermott aims to spend those two years in the first team.

He says: "It's obvious who Craig Johnston has been bought to replace. He plays in the same position as me, he plays the same way — he's even got a similar hairstyle!

"But there's no way he is going to step into my first team place without battling for it.

"I spent two years in the reserves at Anfield after coming from Newcastle. When I arrived, I thought I was the bee's knees and it shocked me to find I still had a lot to learn.

"Craig probably thinks he is going to walk straight into the first team as well. He's a young, confident lad. In fact, he came up to me the day he was having talks at Anfield and apologised that he was coming to take my place.

'Cheek'

"He hadn't even signed at that point! But I liked his cheek. I told him not to worry about taking anyone's place. You've got to look after yourself in this game and if he can force his way into the Liverpool team, he will have deserved it.

"To me, Craig is just another of the players I have to look out for at Anfield."

McDermott had originally planned to leave for the Continent this summer. But, he says: "Liverpool called me in one day and asked if I'd like to talk about a new contract.

"They were very fair to me and I'm delighted because really, I didn't want to leave at that point. Deep down, I wanted to stay.

"I'll be looking to go abroad after the next two seasons though because I will want the money to

'Johnston must battle for my place'

says **TERRY McDERMOTT**

secure my future. There's no way I'm staying in the game as a coach or a manager when I finish playing, so I've got to think that way."

Last year, McDermott became the first player to win both the Football Writers and the Professional Footballers' Player Of The Year awards. But since then, he says, things have turned a bit sour.

"I was the proudest man in Britain when I won those awards. But this season, everyone has seemed determined to knock me down.

"John Wark has been set up as some kind of king because he's scored 30-odd goals from midfield.

Dejection for Southampton 'keeper Peter Wells but delight for McDermott after scoring for Liverpool against Saints at Anfield this season.

Well, I've scored 20 from midfield yet suddenly, I'm the worst player on earth according to some people.

"I struggled at times but that's because I'm the sort of player who relies on other members of the team to help me. I'm not a Kenny Dalglish, who can change a game on his own.

"I need the other players around me. So if they're going through a sticky patch, then I'm going to look a bad player. Even so, I resent being the one who always gets the stick."

McDermott has become a much more committed professional since he arrived at Anfield. Before, he says, he took most things as a joke.

"I'm 100 per cent better for what Liverpool have taught me, but I still like to have a laugh now and again. Sometimes on the pitch, when things are going well, I'll stand there and let the ball hit my head instead of going for it properly. Or I'll try a little jig as we come out for the second half.

"The crowd know me for things like that now and it's nice when they react to it."

McDermott may like playing the clown. But he also likes nothing better than to get away from the crowds.

"Basically, I live it up occasionally but I enjoy a quiet life among a few close friends also. When people come up to me for autographs, I don't know what to say to them. I'm embarrassed by the fuss they make.

"I'd like to just walk about unrecognised. But I realise that's impossible and I do appreciate the interest of the fans."

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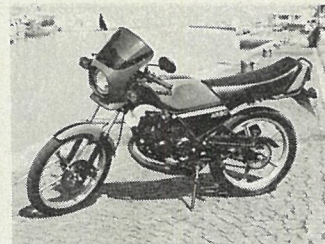
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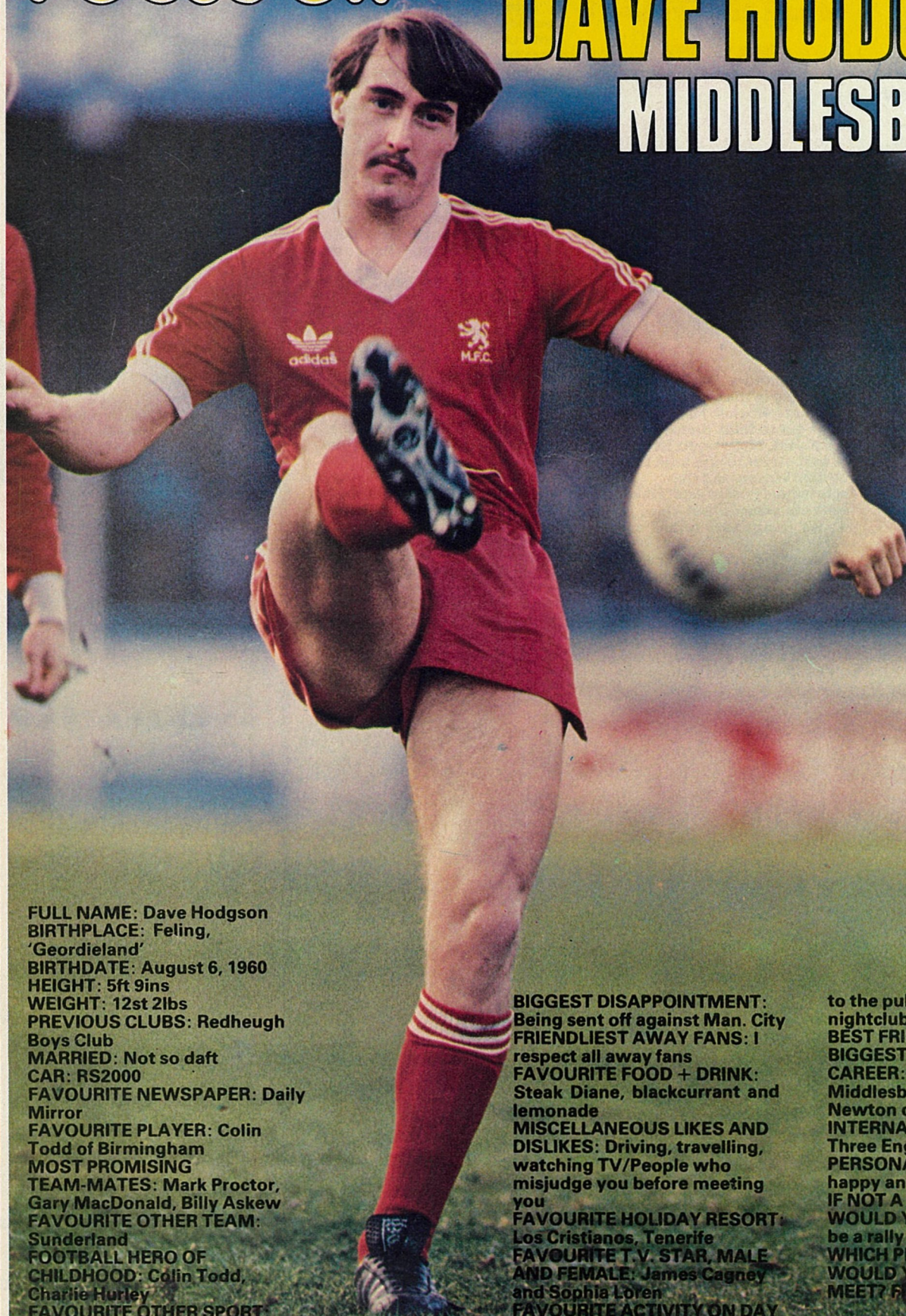
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FOCUS ON

DAVE HODGSON

MIDDLESBROUGH



FULL NAME: Dave Hodgson
BIRTHPLACE: Feling, 'Geordieland'
BIRTHDATE: August 6, 1960
HEIGHT: 5ft 9ins
WEIGHT: 12st 2lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Redheugh Boys Club
MARRIED: Not so daft
CAR: RS2000
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mirror
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Colin Todd of Birmingham
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATES: Mark Proctor, Gary MacDonald, Billy Aske
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Sunderland
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Colin Todd, Charlie Hurley
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Rally driving
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Brighton's Steve Foster
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: v Tottenham when I scored a hat-trick

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being sent off against Man. City
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: I respect all away fans
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Steak Diane, blackcurrant and lemonade
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Driving, travelling, watching TV/People who misjudge you before meeting you
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Los Cristianos, Tenerife
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: James Cagney and Sophia Loren
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Washing the car, going into town
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Police, David Bowie, UB40, Spandau Ballet
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Out

to the pub then on to a nightclub
BEST FRIEND: Mark Proctor
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, the Middlesbrough staff and Mr Newton of Redheugh Boys Club
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Three England Under 21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and successful
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? I would like to be a rally driver
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Film star James Cagney

Best Wishes
Dave Hodgson

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